Juvenile Indigent Defense Responding to the Increase in Juvenile Jurisdiction

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A Brief History of the Laws of Indigent Representation



Gideon v. Wainright (1963)
In re Gault (1967)
NC Juvenile Code (1970) A Brief History of the Structure of Indigent Representation in NC

1970 – First public defender offices
2000 – Office of Indigent Defense Services
2005 – Office of the Juvenile Defender

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- •1987 Children's Law Center (Council for Children's Rights)
- •2003 First Individually Negotiated Contracts
- •2012 First Request for Proposal (RFP) Contracts

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IDS Fiscal Requests: Cost of Representation

•IDS estimates that raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction for misdemeanor nontraffic offenses only will lead to a \$592,842 increase in the cost of representation in the first full year of implementation

IDS Fiscal Requests: Positions

- •Assistant Juvenile Defender, potentially placed in field as a regional position in FY19
 - (\$120,000)
- •Additional Contracts Administrator in FY20 (\$130,000)

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