



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Resolution - Supporting Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Allocation Expansion**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** March 11, 2019

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to issue a resolution supporting the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Allocation Expansion.

North Carolina is approaching the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 1998. It is an excellent time to continue to support the accomplishments of and revitalize partnerships between state and local governments by supporting Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPCs) and the valuable work performed by them. The Durham County JCPC is a Commissioner appointed body that is responsible for prevention and intervention programming to youth at greatest risk.

JCPCs and the programs they oversee are essential to preventing and reducing juvenile crime, responding immediately and effectively when criminal behavior occurs, and protecting the community by implementing the North Carolina Comprehensive Strategy, which ensures, "the right program for the right child at the right time and in the right setting." (John Wilson/Buddy Howell, OJJDP Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders (1993))

The Boards' support to help the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council prepare for the increase in the of age of juvenile jurisdiction established by the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act, which raises the juvenile age to 18 (also known as Raise the Age legislation) is appreciated. The most pressing and relevant concerns to the Juvenile Crime Prevention effort are outlined in the Informational Points attached to this letter.

The Durham County JCPC is asking that you assist us in educating Commissioners, legislators, and other community and state partners in the effort to ensure a successful implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act by requesting expansion funding to Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. This funding will support training, evidence-based and age appropriate intervention services, and rehabilitative programming for the expanded population, as outlined in the Raise the Age legislation.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity.

**Resource Persons:** Brenda Howerton, County Commissioner

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board issue a resolution supporting the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Allocation Expansion.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_