



**RESOLUTION TITLE: GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST: TO SUPPORT THE JUVENILE CRIME  
PREVENTION COUNCIL ALLOCATION EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding is a partnership between the State of North Carolina and the County to ensure a local continuum of services for court involved and at-risk juveniles; and,

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, under the authority of NCGS143B-851, and within the scope of its powers and duties, "Each County Council shall annually review the needs of juveniles in the county who are at risk of delinquency or who have been adjudicated undisciplined or delinquent and the resources available to address those needs. In particular, each County council shall assess the needs of juveniles in the county who are at risk or who have been associated with gangs or gang activity, and the local resources that are established to address those needs;" and,

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act passed in 2017, also referenced as North Carolina's Raise the Age legislation, expands the age of juvenile jurisdiction, increasing it to include juveniles ages 16 and 17 years of age effective December 1, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Raise the Age Legislation also encourages the formulation of School Justice Partnerships to address the reduction of school-based juvenile complaints; and,

WHEREAS, Raise the Age legislation will increase the need for immediate and age-appropriate sanctions and diversion services for juvenile offenders and those at-risk of delinquency; and,

WHEREAS, JCPC funding has seen no increase in more than nine years; and,

WHEREAS, the effort to immediately and effectively address juvenile offending behavior is an evidence-based investment in North Carolina's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners fully supports an adequate and timely increase of local Juvenile Crime Prevention funding to ensure program expansion and successful implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act Raise the Age Legislation, set for December 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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