

House Bill 1163

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-11-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 jurisdiction of juvenile court, so as to change provisions relating to superior court transferring  
3 certain cases under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 15-11-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to jurisdiction  
8 of juvenile court, is amended by striking subparagraph (b)(2)(B) and inserting in lieu thereof  
9 the following:

10 "(B) After indictment, the superior court may ~~after investigation,~~ upon motion of the  
11 court or either party, conduct a hearing and may for extraordinary cause transfer any  
12 case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed any offense  
13 enumerated in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph which is not punishable by loss of  
14 life, imprisonment for life without possibility of parole, or confinement for life in a  
15 penal institution. Notice of the hearing, including the date, time, place, and purpose of  
16 the hearing, shall be given in writing to the child and the child's parents, guardian, or  
17 other custodian, at least three days before the hearing. In considering a motion to  
18 transfer, the court shall consider the interests of the child and the community; the  
19 child's prior involvement in juvenile proceedings; the child's age; the child's  
20 psychological and physical health; and the particular circumstances of the alleged act.  
21 The court in its discretion shall determine if transfer is proper. Any such transfer shall  
22 be appealable by the State of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 5-7-1. After  
23 indictment, upon consent of or stipulation by the parties, the superior court shall  
24 transfer any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed any  
25 offense enumerated in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. Upon such a transfer by the  
26 superior court, jurisdiction shall vest in the juvenile court and jurisdiction of the

1 superior court shall terminate. Any case transferred by the superior court to the juvenile  
2 court pursuant to this subparagraph shall be subject to the designated felony provisions  
3 of Code Section 15-11-63 and the transfer of the case from superior court to juvenile  
4 court shall constitute notice to the child that such case is subject to the designated  
5 felony provisions of Code Section 15-11-63."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.