

HB 1384 -- JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDINGS

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This bill amends the definition of "parent" as it relates to juvenile court. The bill also specifies that it will be the duty of a judge to transfer a case to juvenile court within seven days of the juvenile being brought before the transferring judge. Currently, the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over any child 15 years of age who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal traffic ordinance or regulation. This bill raises that age to 17. Additionally, juveniles who are at least 12 years old may be certified as adults under certain circumstances. This bill raises that minimum age to 14 years old.

The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021.

This bill is similar to HB 961 (2019).