

1979 Assembly Bill 793

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AN ACT to amend 48.12 and 947.15 (1) (a) and (b); and to create 48.02 (3m) of the statutes, relating to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 48.02 (3m) [and (12m)] of the statutes are [is] created to read:

48.02 (3m) "Delinquent" means a child who is less than 18 years of age and 12 years of age or older who has violated any state or federal criminal law, except as provided in ss. 48.17 and 48.18.

SECTION 2. 48.12 of the statutes is amended to read:

48.12 Jurisdiction over children alleged to be delinquent. The court has exclusive jurisdiction, except as provided in ss. 48.17 and 48.18, over any child 12 years of age or older who is alleged to be delinquent ~~because he or she has violated any federal or state criminal law as defined in s. 48.02 (3m).~~

SECTION 3. 947.15 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

947.15 (1) (a) Any person 18 or older who intentionally encourages or contributes to the delinquency of any child as defined in s. 48.02 (3m) or the neglect of any child. This subsection includes intentionally encouraging or contributing to an act by a child under the age of 12 which would be a delinquent act if committed by a child 12 years of age or older; or

(b) Any parent, guardian or legal custodian who by neglect, or disregard of the morals, health or welfare of his or her child contributes to the delinquency of that child. This subsection includes neglect or disregard on the part of the parents which results in the commission or probable commission by a child under the age of 12 of an act which would be a delinquent act if committed by a child 12 years of age or older.
