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**Absconder** is a juvenile who has been ordered into secure custody at an approved detention center or who is in the custody of the Division for placement in a residential facility who has unlawfully left the detention center or residential facility. *See* G.S. 7B-1900(3).

**Division** is the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. The Division is charged with far-reaching duties, including responsibility for operating State juvenile facilities and youth development centers, appointment of the chief court counselor in each district, establishment of community-based treatment and prevention services, and developing training plans for juvenile court counselors and other personnel responsible for the care, supervision, and treatment of juveniles. *See* G.S. 143B-806(b)(1)–(19).

**Detention facility** is a “facility approved to provide secure confinement and care for juveniles. Detention facilities include both State and locally administered detention homes, centers, and facilities.” G.S. 7B-1501(9). These locked facilities are commonly referred to as “detention centers.” *See infra* Appendix 8-1: Juvenile Detention Centers in North Carolina.

**Holdover facility** is a separate space in a jail that has been approved for the detention of juveniles in secure custody. The holdover facility must not allow the juvenile to converse with, see, or be seen by the adult inmates, and must provide close supervision of the juvenile. G.S. 7B-1501(11). Use of the holdover facility is limited to detention for no more than 72 hours of juveniles who are alleged to have committed an offense that would be a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony if committed by an adult. The court must determine that there is no acceptable alternative placement and that the juvenile must be detained in a holdover facility for the protection of the public. G.S. 7B-1905(c).

**Nonsecure custody** is placement of a juvenile without restriction on the juvenile’s freedom of movement in the custody of the Department of Social Services or a person other than the juvenile’s parent, guardian, or custodian.

**Secure custody** is the detention of a juvenile alleged to be delinquent or adjudicated to be delinquent in an approved locked facility pursuant to a secure custody order.

**Temporary custody** is the “taking of physical custody [of a juvenile] and providing personal care and supervision until a court order for secure or nonsecure custody can be obtained.” G.S. 7B-1900. Temporary custody may be assumed only under specified conditions and is limited to 12 hours or, if any of the 12 hours falls on a weekend or legal holiday, to 24 hours. *Id.*; G.S. 7B-1901(b).