

Action Alert

RAISE THE AGE OF JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

Call your state Senator and tell them that you support raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to include non-violent 17-year-olds.

What's in the Bill

[HB 272](#) raises the age ("RTA") of youth served by juvenile court to include non-violent 17-year-olds.

Why It Matters

- In juvenile court, more so than in adult court, a 17-year-old is much more likely to be mandated to attend school, make restitution to victims and attend community-based rehabilitative programs that focus on the causes of the problem behavior.
- [Click here for our groovy factsheet on RTA!](#)

What to Say

Dear Senator _____, I strongly support raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to include non-violent 17-year-olds. So please vote YES at any time House Bill 272 - the Raise the Age bill - comes before you. The juvenile justice system does a better job than the adult system of holding young people accountable when they commit minor offenses by focusing on the causes of the problem behavior. The juvenile system requires youth to attend school, make restitution to victims and attend evidence and community-based rehabilitative programs that work. **Please note that this bill does NOT affect serious young offenders, who will continue to be tried in adult court.** Thank you for your service and for all you do for Georgia's children.

Who to Contact

Contact your member of the [Senate here](#)