

**15A.320 Youth alternative centers.**

- (1) Any county, urban-county, or charter county may apply to the Department of Juvenile Justice to construct, operate, or contract for the operation of a youth alternative center.
- (2) The youth alternative center shall be a nonsecure facility and shall be under the jurisdiction of that governing body, subject to the provisions of this chapter.
- (3) The youth alternative center shall be used only for the detention of juveniles. The youth alternative center shall not be part of a county jail or other facility that houses adult offenders.
- (4) The youth alternative center may be used as a place of detention for juveniles by order of a court prior to adjudication and after adjudication regardless of whether the child is a status offender, public offender, or youthful offender.

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