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Reforms Article 17 of the Childhood and Adolescence Code, Law No. 7739 of January 6, 1998.

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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA  
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**Decree:**

**REFORM OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF  
CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE, LAW NO.  
7739**

Sole Article.-Article 17 of the Childhood and Adolescence Code, Law No. 7739 of January 6, 1998, is hereby amended. The text shall read as follows:

"Article 17.-**Right to the protection of the self-interest of minors of foreign nationality.** For the purposes of entry and stay of foreign minors, the application of current immigration legislation shall be assessed by the competent administrative authorities, to safeguard the interests of this group, in order to ensure conditions that ensure respect for their rights in a healthy physical, social and mental environment".  
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