

Subject Increased penalties for engaging in prostitution with a minor

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Overview

Under current law, it is criminal sexual conduct in the first degree (CSC-1) for someone to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact with a person under 14 years of age when “the actor is more than 36 months older than the complainant.” That crime has a maximum sentence of 30 years. It is also a crime to “engage in prostitution with an individual under the age of 14 years.” The maximum penalty for that offense is 20 years.

This bill increases the maximum penalty for engaging in prostitution with a person under 14 years of age to match the maximum penalty for CSC-1. It also increases the maximum penalty for engaging in prostitution with a person who is at least 14 but under 16 years of age to match the maximum penalty for CSC-3 (from ten years to 15 years) and the maximum penalty for engaging in prostitution with a person who is at least 16 but under 18 years of age to match the maximum penalty for CSC-4 (from five years to ten years).

Summary

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| 1 | Engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire minor to engage in prostitution; penalties.
Increases the penalty for engaging in prostitution with an individual under the age of 14 from a maximum period of imprisonment of 20 years to a maximum of 30 years. Increases the penalty for engaging in prostitution with an individual who is at least 14 years old but under 16 years old from a maximum period of imprisonment of ten years to a maximum of 15 years. Increases the penalty for engaging in prostitution with an individual who is at least 16 years old but under 18 years old from a maximum period of imprisonment of five years to a maximum of ten years. |
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