
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5429

AN ACT CONCERNING ENTICEMENT OF A JUVENILE TO COMMIT A CRIMINAL ACT.

SUMMARY

This bill reduces, from 23 years to 21 years, the minimum age at which a person can commit the crime of “enticing a juvenile to commit a criminal act.”

Under current law, a person is guilty of this crime if he or she is at least age 23 and knowingly causes, encourages, solicits, recruits, intimidates, or coerces a person under age 18 (a minor) to commit or participate in the commission of a criminal act. The bill reduces the offender’s age to at least 21 years, making it possible for 21- and 22-year-olds to commit this offense.

By law, enticing a juvenile to commit a criminal act is a (1) class A misdemeanor for a first violation and (2) class D felony for a subsequent offense. A class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to 364 days in prison, a fine up to \$2,000, or both; a class D felony is punishable by up to five years in prison, a fine up to \$5,000, or both. A “criminal act” is conduct that is a felony or a misdemeanor, but it does not include recruiting a member of a criminal gang.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 17 (03/24/2026)