

**Subject** Conforming the age range for the offense of hiring a minor to engage in prostitution

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## Overview

In 2021, the legislature amended the crime of hiring a minor to engage in prostitution so that the most serious penalties apply in cases where the minor is under 14 years of age instead of under 13. The legislation did not include a conforming change for crimes when the minor is over that age but under 16. As a result, there is a lack of clarity about how to handle certain offenses involving minors who are 13 years old. This bill makes the conforming change so that the age ranges are consistent – the most serious penalties apply when the minor is under 14 and the next most serious penalties apply when the minor is at least 14 but under 16.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire minor to engage in prostitution; penalties.</b></p> <p>Amends the age range for certain offenses involving hiring a minor to engage in prostitution from “under the age of 16 years but at least 13 years” to “under the age of 16 years but at least 14 years” to conform with the age range for the most serious offenses that apply when the minor is under 14 years old.</p> |
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