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Overview

This act provides that the increased penalty for prostituting a juvenile applies to prostitution of a juvenile under 18, as opposed to a juvenile under the age of 16. The act also requires the commissioner of public safety and executive director of the peace officer standards and training board to make recommendations to the legislature on training for peace officers on matters related to juvenile prostitution.

- 1 **Juvenile prostitution law enforcement and training study.** Requires the commissioner of public safety and executive director of the peace officer standards and training board to study and make recommendations on training for peace officers to combat juvenile prostitution. Requires the commissioner and executive director to report its recommendations to the legislature by September 15, 2000.
- 2 **Individuals under age 18.** Provides a twenty-year felony sentence for an individual acting other than as a prostitute or patron who intentionally does any of the following:
 - solicits or induces an individual under the age of 18 years to practice prostitution;
 - promotes the prostitution of an individual under the age of 18 years; or
 - receives profit, knowing or having reason to know that it is derived from the prostitution, or the promotion of prostitution, of an individual under the age of 18 years.Current law is identical, except that the twenty-year felony penalty applies only if the individual being prostituted is under 16 years of age; if the individual is over the age of 16 years, a fifteen-year felony applies to the conduct.
- 3 **Effective date.** Section 1 is effective July 1, 2000. Section 2 is effective August 1, 2000, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.