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## Bill Summary

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This bill provides that a person under the age of 21 who consumes or possesses an alcoholic beverage is not subject to prosecution if any of the following circumstances exist:

- (1) the person voluntarily seeks, or accompanies another person voluntarily seeking, assistance at a health facility or detoxification program; or
- (2) initiates contact with a peace officer, emergency medical services personnel, or 911 operator to report that another person is in need of medical assistance, provided that the person who initiates the contact is the first person to make a report, provides a name and contact information, and remains and cooperates with the authorities at the scene. This protection extends to one or two persons acting in concert with the caller provided they also provide contact information and remain and cooperate at the scene.