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Bill Summary

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This bill amends the crime of hiring or offering to hire an individual to engage in prostitution when the actor reasonably believes the individual is a minor. This law was created last year to provide penalties in undercover operations, but was limited to a five-year felony. This bill would create tiered penalties based on the age of the minor:

- ▶ 5-year felony if the minor is reasonably believed to be 16 or 17
- ▶ 10-year felony if the minor is reasonably believed to be 13, 14, or 15
- ▶ 20-year felony if the minor is reasonably believed to be under 13.