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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill broadens the definition of “position of authority” in the criminal sexual conduct statutes. Currently, felony penalties apply to an adult who has sexual contact with a 16 or 17 year old juvenile and the adult is in a position of authority over the juvenile. The bill extends the definition so that an adult who was recently (i.e., within the past 120 days) in a position of authority over a 16 or 17 year is also subject to criminal penalties for having a sexual relationship with the juvenile.

The bill also extends the definition of position of authority to cases where an adult “assumed” authority over a victim. Currently, the provision only applies when the adult is “charged” with providing some parental obligation to the juvenile.