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Overview

This bill establishes two new felony level criminal sexual conduct offenses for school employees, independent contractors, and volunteers who engage in certain inappropriate relationships with students between the ages of 16-21.

Section

- 1 **Secondary school.** Defines “secondary school” for purposes of the 3rd and 4th degree criminal sexual conduct statutes in chapter 609.
- 2 **Criminal sexual conduct – 3rd degree.** Establishes a new third degree criminal sexual conduct offense for secondary school employees, independent contractors, and volunteers who sexually penetrate a student enrolled at the perpetrator’s school and the student is between the age of 16 and 21. A violation of this provision is a felony and subjects the offender to incarceration for up to 15 years. Neither mistake of age nor the consent of the student is a defense.
- 3 **Criminal sexual conduct – 4th degree.** Establishes a new fourth degree criminal sexual conduct offense for secondary school employees, independent contractors, and volunteers who have sexual contact with a student enrolled at the perpetrator’s school and the student is between the age of 16 and 21. A violation of this provision is a felony and subjects the offender to incarceration for up to 10 years. Neither mistake of age nor the consent of the student is a defense.