

Testimony For SB0601, with Amendments

Please vote for SB0601, with amendments.

It took me numerous attempts to understand what the passage in section 6-235 (B)(1) meant (page 2, lines 1-8).

I support this bill if the passage means that if minors are convicted as an adult for a crime they committed against a person who sexually assaulted them or subjected them to human trafficking, their case may be transferred to juvenile court for sentencing.

However, I do not understand the 3-month time limit.

I would like to see the time limit removed, or at least extended to 1 year, especially if the crime committed was done in the act of escaping from the criminal who had subjected the minors to these heinous acts.

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(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF THE COURT DETERMINES BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE MINOR IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING THE OFFENSE PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED A SEX CRIME UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 11 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE AGAINST THE MINOR WITHIN 3 MONTHS BEFORE THE OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE MINOR WAS CONVICTED, THE COURT MAY TRANSFER THE MINOR TO THE JUVENILE COURT FOR SENTENCING.