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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGE OF A CHILD FOR PURPOSES OF JURISDICTION IN DELINQUENCY MATTERS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 46b-120 of the 2006 supplement to the general
- 2 statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 05-250, is repealed and
- 3 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):
- 4 The terms used in this chapter shall, in its interpretation and in the
- 5 interpretation of other statutes, be defined as follows: (1) "Child"
- 6 means any person under sixteen years of age, [and,] except that for
- 7 purposes of delinquency matters and proceedings, "child" means any
- 8 person (A) under [sixteen] seventeen years of age, or (B) [sixteen]
- 9 seventeen years of age or older who, prior to attaining [sixteen]
- 10 <u>seventeen</u> years of age, has violated any federal or state law or
- 11 municipal or local ordinance, other than an ordinance regulating
- 12 behavior of a child in a family with service needs, and, subsequent to
- 13 attaining [sixteen] seventeen years of age, violates any order of the
- 14 Superior Court or any condition of probation ordered by the Superior
- 15 Court with respect to such delinquency [proceeding] proceedings; (2)
- 16 "youth" means any person sixteen or seventeen years of age; (3) "youth

in crisis" means any youth who, within the last two years, (A) has without just cause run away from the parental home or other properly authorized and lawful place of abode, (B) is beyond the control of the youth's parents, guardian or other custodian, or (C) has four unexcused absences from school in any one month or ten unexcused absences in any school year; (4) "abused" means that a child or youth (A) has been inflicted with physical injury or injuries other than by accidental means, [or] (B) has injuries that are at variance with the history given of them, or (C) is in a condition that is the result of maltreatment, [such as] including, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation or exploitation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment; (5) a child may be found "mentally deficient" who, by reason of a deficiency of intelligence that has existed from birth or from early age, requires, or will require, for [his] <u>such child's</u> protection or for the protection of others, special care, supervision and control; (6) a child may be convicted as "delinguent" who has violated (A) any federal or state law or municipal or local ordinance, other than an ordinance regulating behavior of a child in a family with service needs, (B) any order of the Superior Court, except as provided in section 46b-148, as amended, or (C) conditions of probation as ordered by the court; (7) a child or youth may be found "dependent" whose home is a suitable one for the child or youth, save for the financial inability of the child's or youth's parents, parent or guardian, or other person maintaining such home, to provide the specialized care the condition of the child or youth requires; (8) "family with service needs" means a family that includes a child who (A) has without just cause run away from the parental home or other properly authorized and lawful place of abode, (B) is beyond the control of the child's parent, parents, guardian or other custodian, (C) has engaged in indecent or immoral conduct, (D) is a truant or habitual truant or who, while in school, has been continuously and overtly defiant of school rules and regulations, or (E) is thirteen years of age or older and has engaged in sexual intercourse with another person and such other person is thirteen years of age or older and not more than two years

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51 older or younger than such child; (9) a child or youth may be found 52 "neglected" who (A) has been abandoned, [or] (B) is being denied 53 proper care and attention, physically, educationally, emotionally or 54 morally, [or] (C) is being permitted to live under conditions, 55 circumstances or associations injurious to the well-being of the child or 56 youth, or (D) has been abused; (10) a child or youth may be found 57 "uncared for" who is homeless or whose home cannot provide the 58 specialized care that the physical, emotional or mental condition of the 59 child or youth requires. For the purposes of this section, the treatment 60 of any child or youth by an accredited Christian Science practitioner, in 61 lieu of treatment by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, shall not 62 of itself constitute neglect or maltreatment; (11) "delinquent act" means 63 the violation of any federal or state law or municipal or local 64 ordinance, other than an ordinance regulating the behavior of a child 65 in a family with service needs, or the violation of any order of the Superior Court; (12) "serious juvenile offense" means (A) the violation 66 67 of, including attempt or conspiracy to violate, section 21a-277, 21a-278, 68 as amended, 29-33, 29-34, 29-35, 53-21, 53-80a, 53-202b, 53-202c, 53-390 69 to 53-392, inclusive, 53a-54a to 53a-57, inclusive, 53a-59 to 53a-60c, 70 inclusive, 53a-70 to 53a-71, inclusive, 53a-72b, 53a-86, 53a-92 to 53a-94a, 71 inclusive, 53a-95, 53a-101, 53a-102a, 53a-103a or 53a-111 to 53a-113, 72 inclusive, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-122, 73 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 53a-123, section 53a-134, 74 53a-135, 53a-136a, 53a-166 or 53a-167c, as amended, subsection (a) of 75 section 53a-174, or section 53a-196a, 53a-211, 53a-212, 53a-216 or 76 53a-217b, by a child, or (B) running away, without just cause, from any 77 secure placement other than home while referred as a delinquent child 78 to the Court Support Services Division or committed as a delinquent 79 child to the Commissioner of Children and Families for a serious juvenile offense; (13) "serious juvenile offender" means any child 80 81 convicted as delinquent for commission of a serious juvenile offense; 82 (14) "serious juvenile repeat offender" means any child charged with 83 the commission of any felony if such child has previously been 84 convicted as delinquent at any age for two violations of any provision

of title 21a, 29, 53 or 53a that is designated as a felony; (15) ["alcohol-dependent child" means any child who has] "alcohol-dependent" means a psychoactive substance dependence on alcohol as that condition is defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders"; and (16) ["drug-dependent child" means any child who has <u>"drug-dependent" means</u> a psychoactive substance dependence on drugs as that condition is defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders". No child shall be classified as drug dependent who is dependent (A) upon a morphine-type substance as an incident to current medical treatment of a demonstrable physical disorder other than drug dependence, or (B) upon amphetamine-type, ataractic, barbiturate-type, hallucinogenic or other stimulant and depressant substances as an incident to current medical treatment of a demonstrable physical or psychological disorder, or both, other than drug dependence.

Sec. 2. Section 46b-120 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 05-250 and section 1 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

The terms used in this chapter shall, in its interpretation and in the interpretation of other statutes, be defined as follows: (1) "Child" means any person under sixteen years of age, except that for purposes of delinquency matters and proceedings, "child" means any person (A) under [seventeen] eighteen years of age, or (B) [seventeen] eighteen years of age or older who, prior to attaining [seventeen] eighteen years of age, has violated any federal or state law or municipal or local ordinance, other than an ordinance regulating behavior of a child in a family with service needs, and, subsequent to attaining [seventeen] eighteen years of age, violates any order of the Superior Court or any condition of probation ordered by the Superior Court with respect to such delinquency proceedings; (2) "youth" means any person sixteen

or seventeen years of age; (3) "youth in crisis" means any youth who, within the last two years, (A) has without just cause run away from the parental home or other properly authorized and lawful place of abode, (B) is beyond the control of the youth's parents, guardian or other custodian, or (C) has four unexcused absences from school in any one month or ten unexcused absences in any school year; (4) "abused" means that a child or youth (A) has been inflicted with physical injury or injuries other than by accidental means, (B) has injuries that are at variance with the history given of them, or (C) is in a condition that is the result of maltreatment, including, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation or exploitation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment; (5) a child may be found "mentally deficient" who, by reason of a deficiency of intelligence that has existed from birth or from early age, requires, or will require, for such child's protection or for the protection of others, special care, supervision and control; (6) a child may be convicted as "delinguent" who has violated (A) any federal or state law or municipal or local ordinance, other than an ordinance regulating behavior of a child in a family with service needs, (B) any order of the Superior Court, except as provided in section 46b-148, as amended, or (C) conditions of probation as ordered by the court; (7) a child or youth may be found "dependent" whose home is a suitable one for the child or youth, save for the financial inability of the child's or youth's parents, parent or guardian, or other person maintaining such home, to provide the specialized care the condition of the child or youth requires; (8) "family with service needs" means a family that includes a child who (A) has without just cause run away from the parental home or other properly authorized and lawful place of abode, (B) is beyond the control of the child's parent, parents, guardian or other custodian, (C) has engaged in indecent or immoral conduct, (D) is a truant or habitual truant or who, while in school, has been continuously and overtly defiant of school rules and regulations, or (E) is thirteen years of age or older and has engaged in sexual intercourse with another person and such other person is thirteen years of age or older and not more than two years

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29, 53 or 53a that is designated as a felony; (15) "alcohol-dependent" 186 187 means a psychoactive substance dependence on alcohol as that 188 condition is defined in the most recent edition of the American 189 Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental 190 Disorders"; and (16) "drug-dependent" means a psychoactive 191 substance dependence on drugs as that condition is defined in the 192 most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's 193 "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders". No child shall 194 be classified as drug dependent who is dependent (A) upon a 195 morphine-type substance as an incident to current medical treatment 196 of a demonstrable physical disorder other than drug dependence, or 197 (B) upon amphetamine-type, ataractic, barbiturate-type, hallucinogenic 198 or other stimulant and depressant substances as an incident to current 199 medical treatment of a demonstrable physical or psychological 200 disorder, or both, other than drug dependence.

- 201 Sec. 3. Section 46b-121 of the general statutes is repealed and the 202 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):
 - (a) (1) Juvenile matters in the civil session include all proceedings concerning uncared-for, neglected or dependent children and [youth] youths within this state, termination of parental rights of children committed to a state agency, matters concerning families with service needs, contested matters involving termination of parental rights or removal of guardian transferred from the Probate Court, the emancipation of minors and [youth] youths in crisis, but does not include matters of guardianship and adoption or matters affecting property rights of any child, youth or youth in crisis over which the Probate Court has jurisdiction, provided appeals from probate concerning adoption, termination of parental rights and removal of a parent as guardian shall be included.
 - (2) Juvenile matters in the criminal session include all proceedings concerning delinquent children in the state and persons [sixteen] seventeen years of age and older who are under the supervision of a

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juvenile probation officer while on probation or a suspended commitment to the Department of Children and Families, for purposes of enforcing any court orders entered as part of such probation or suspended commitment.

(b) In juvenile matters, the Superior Court shall have authority to make and enforce such orders directed to parents, including any person who acknowledges before [said] the court paternity of a child born out of wedlock, guardians, custodians or other adult persons owing some legal duty to a child, youth or youth in crisis therein, as it deems necessary or appropriate to secure the welfare, protection, proper care and suitable support of a child, youth or youth in crisis subject to [its] the court's jurisdiction or otherwise committed to or in the custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families. In addition, with respect to proceedings concerning delinquent children, the Superior Court shall have authority to make and enforce such orders as [it] the court deems necessary or appropriate to punish the child, deter the child from the commission of further delinquent acts, assure that the safety of any other person will not be endangered and provide restitution to any victim. [Said] The court shall also have authority to grant and enforce injunctive relief, temporary or permanent, in all proceedings concerning juvenile matters. If any order for the payment of money is issued by [said] the court, including any order assessing costs issued under section 46b-134 or 46b-136, the collection of such money shall be made by [said] the court, except orders for support of children committed to any state agency or department, which orders shall be made payable to and collected by the Department of Administrative Services. Where the court after due diligence is unable to collect such moneys within six months, [it] the court shall refer such case to the Department of Administrative Services for collection as a delinquent account. In juvenile matters, the court shall have authority to make and enforce orders directed to persons liable hereunder on petition of [said] the Department of Administrative Services made to [said] the court in the same manner as is provided in section 17b-745, in accordance with the provisions of

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section 17b-81 [,] or 17b-223, subsection (b) of section 17b-179 [,] or section 17a-90, 46b-129 or 46b-130, and all of the provisions of section 17b-745 shall be applicable to such proceedings. Any judge hearing a juvenile matter may make any other order in connection therewith that a judge of the Superior Court is authorized to grant and such order shall have the same force and effect as any other order of the Superior Court. In the enforcement of [its] the court's orders, in connection with any juvenile matter, the court may issue process for the arrest of any person, compel attendance of witnesses and punish for contempt by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

- Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 46b-121 of the general statutes, as amended by section 3 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):
 - (a) (1) Juvenile matters in the civil session include all proceedings concerning uncared-for, neglected or dependent children and youths within this state, termination of parental rights of children committed to a state agency, matters concerning families with service needs, contested matters involving termination of parental rights or removal of guardian transferred from the Probate Court, the emancipation of minors and youths in crisis, but does not include matters of guardianship and adoption or matters affecting property rights of any child, youth or youth in crisis over which the Probate Court has jurisdiction, provided appeals from probate concerning adoption, termination of parental rights and removal of a parent as guardian shall be included.
 - (2) Juvenile matters in the criminal session include all proceedings concerning delinquent children in the state and persons [seventeen] eighteen years of age and older who are under the supervision of a juvenile probation officer while on probation or a suspended commitment to the Department of Children and Families, for purposes of enforcing any court orders entered as part of such probation or

- 284 suspended commitment.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 46b-127 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):
- 288 (c) Upon the effectuation of the transfer, such child shall stand trial 289 and be sentenced, if convicted, as if [he were sixteen] such child were 290 seventeen years of age. Such child shall receive credit against any 291 sentence imposed for time served in a juvenile facility prior to the 292 effectuation of the transfer. A child who has been transferred may 293 enter a guilty plea to a lesser offense if the court finds that such plea is 294 made knowingly and voluntarily. Any child transferred to the regular 295 criminal docket who pleads guilty to a lesser offense shall not resume 296 [his] such child's status as a juvenile regarding [said] such offense. If 297 the action is dismissed or nolled or if such child is found not guilty of 298 the charge for which [he] such child was transferred or of any lesser 299 included offenses, the child shall resume [his] such child's status as a 300 juvenile until [he] such child attains the age of [sixteen] seventeen 301 years.
 - Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 46b-127 of the general statutes, as amended by section 5 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):
 - (c) Upon the effectuation of the transfer, such child shall stand trial and be sentenced, if convicted, as if such child were [seventeen] eighteen years of age. Such child shall receive credit against any sentence imposed for time served in a juvenile facility prior to the effectuation of the transfer. A child who has been transferred may enter a guilty plea to a lesser offense if the court finds that such plea is made knowingly and voluntarily. Any child transferred to the regular criminal docket who pleads guilty to a lesser offense shall not resume such child's status as a juvenile regarding such offense. If the action is dismissed or nolled or if such child is found not guilty of the charge for which such child was transferred or of any lesser included offenses,

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- 316 the child shall resume such child's status as a juvenile until such child 317 attains the age of [seventeen] eighteen years.
- 318 Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 46b-133c of the general statutes is 319 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 320 October 1, 2007):
- 321 (f) Whenever a proceeding has been designated a serious juvenile 322 repeat offender prosecution pursuant to subsection (b) of this section 323 and the child does not waive [his] such child's right to a trial by jury, 324 the court shall transfer the case from the docket for juvenile matters to 325 the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court. Upon transfer, such 326 child shall stand trial and be sentenced, if convicted, as if [he were 327 sixteen] such child were seventeen years of age, except that no such 328 child shall be placed in a correctional facility but shall be maintained in 329 a facility for children and youth until [he] such child attains [sixteen] seventeen years of age or until [he] such child is sentenced, whichever 330 331 occurs first. Such child shall receive credit against any sentence 332 imposed for time served in a juvenile facility prior to the effectuation 333 of the transfer. A child who has been transferred may enter a guilty 334 plea to a lesser offense if the court finds that such plea is made 335 knowingly and voluntarily. Any child transferred to the regular 336 criminal docket who pleads guilty to a lesser offense shall not resume [his] such child's status as a juvenile regarding [said] such offense. If 337 338 the action is dismissed or nolled or if such child is found not guilty of 339 the charge for which [he] such child was transferred, the child shall 340 resume [his] such child's status as a juvenile until [he] such child 341 attains [sixteen] seventeen years of age.
 - Sec. 8. Subsection (f) of section 46b-133c of the general statutes, as amended by section 7 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):
- 345 (f) Whenever a proceeding has been designated a serious juvenile 346 repeat offender prosecution pursuant to subsection (b) of this section 347 and the child does not waive such child's right to a trial by jury, the

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court shall transfer the case from the docket for juvenile matters to the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court. Upon transfer, such child shall stand trial and be sentenced, if convicted, as if such child were [seventeen] eighteen years of age, except that no such child shall be placed in a correctional facility but shall be maintained in a facility for children and youth until such child attains [seventeen] eighteen years of age or until such child is sentenced, whichever occurs first. Such child shall receive credit against any sentence imposed for time served in a juvenile facility prior to the effectuation of the transfer. A child who has been transferred may enter a guilty plea to a lesser offense if the court finds that such plea is made knowingly and voluntarily. Any child transferred to the regular criminal docket who pleads guilty to a lesser offense shall not resume such child's status as a juvenile regarding such offense. If the action is dismissed or nolled or if such child is found not guilty of the charge for which such child was transferred, the child shall resume such child's status as a juvenile until such child attains [seventeen] eighteen years of age.

Sec. 9. Subsection (f) of section 46b-133d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(f) When a proceeding has been designated a serious sexual offender prosecution pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and the child does not waive the right to a trial by jury, the court shall transfer the case from the docket for juvenile matters to the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court. Upon transfer, such child shall stand trial and be sentenced, if convicted, as if such child were [sixteen] seventeen years of age, except that no such child shall be placed in a correctional facility but shall be maintained in a facility for children and youth until such child attains [sixteen] seventeen years of age or until such child is sentenced, whichever occurs first. Such child shall receive credit against any sentence imposed for time served in a juvenile facility prior to the effectuation of the transfer. A child who has been transferred may enter a guilty plea to a lesser offense if the court finds

that such plea is made knowingly and voluntarily. Any child 382 transferred to the regular criminal docket who pleads guilty to a lesser 383 offense shall not resume such child's status as a juvenile regarding such offense. If the action is dismissed or nolled or if such child is 384 385 found not guilty of the charge for which such child was transferred, 386 the child shall resume such child's status as a juvenile until such child 387 attains [sixteen] seventeen years of age.

Sec. 10. Subsection (f) of section 46b-133d of the general statutes, as amended by section 9 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2008):

(f) When a proceeding has been designated a serious sexual offender prosecution pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and the child does not waive the right to a trial by jury, the court shall transfer the case from the docket for juvenile matters to the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court. Upon transfer, such child shall stand trial and be sentenced, if convicted, as if such child were [seventeen] eighteen years of age, except that no such child shall be placed in a correctional facility but shall be maintained in a facility for children and youth until such child attains [seventeen] eighteen years of age or until such child is sentenced, whichever occurs first. Such child shall receive credit against any sentence imposed for time served in a juvenile facility prior to the effectuation of the transfer. A child who has been transferred may enter a guilty plea to a lesser offense if the court finds that such plea is made knowingly and voluntarily. Any child transferred to the regular criminal docket who pleads guilty to a lesser offense shall not resume such child's status as a juvenile regarding such offense. If the action is dismissed or nolled or if such child is found not guilty of the charge for which such child was transferred, the child shall resume such child's status as a juvenile until such child attains [seventeen] eighteen years of age.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	October 1, 2007	46b-120
Sec. 2	October 1, 2008	46b-120
Sec. 3	October 1, 2007	46b-121
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	46b-121(a)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	46b-127(c)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	46b-127(c)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	46b-133c(f)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	46b-133c(f)
Sec. 9	October 1, 2007	46b-133d(f)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	46b-133d(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend jurisdiction in delinquency matters and proceedings to include sixteen-year-old children on and after October 1, 2007, and seventeen-year-old children on and after October 1, 2008.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]