



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

**Proposed Bill No. 5161**

LCO No. 328

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
REP. ORANGE, 48th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF CHILD FOR PURPOSES  
OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT  
SERVICES.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to define "youth" and "child",
- 2 as they apply to criminal matters and related programs, to ensure that
- 3 individuals under the age of eighteen are not subject to adult penalties
- 4 and ensure adequate age-appropriate mental health and support
- 5 services for youth and young adults.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide that children are not subject to adult criminal penalties  
until the age of eighteen and ensure adequate age-appropriate mental  
health and support services for youth.