AN ACT PROVIDING A SAFE HARBOR FOR EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

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

Section 1. Section 53a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2010):

(a) A person is guilty of prostitution when such person engages or agrees or offers to engage in sexual conduct with another person in return for a fee.

(b) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an affirmative defense that the actor was coerced into committing such offense by another person in violation of section 53a-192a.

(c) In any prosecution of a person under the age of seventeen for an offense under this section, there shall be a presumption that the actor was coerced into committing such offense by another person in violation of section 53a-192a.

(d) Prostitution is a class A misdemeanor.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | October 1, 2010 | 53a-82 |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To establish a presumption in prosecution of a person under the age of seventeen for prostitution that such person was a victim of the crime of trafficking in persons.

[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.]