



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6670***

LCO No. 5734



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR INJURY OR RISK OF INJURY OF A CHILD.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 53-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 (a) Any person who (1) wilfully or unlawfully causes or permits any  
4 child under the age of sixteen years to be placed in such a situation that  
5 the life or limb of such child is endangered, the health of such child is  
6 likely to be injured or the morals of such child are likely to be impaired,  
7 or does any act likely to impair the health or morals of any such child,  
8 or (2) has contact with the intimate parts, as defined in section 53a-65, of  
9 a child under the age of sixteen years or subjects a child under sixteen  
10 years of age to contact with the intimate parts of such person, in a sexual  
11 and indecent manner likely to impair the health or morals of such child,  
12 or (3) permanently transfers the legal or physical custody of a child  
13 under the age of sixteen years to another person for money or other  
14 valuable consideration or acquires or receives the legal or physical  
15 custody of a child under the age of sixteen years from another person

16 upon payment of money or other valuable consideration to such other  
17 person or a third person, except in connection with an adoption  
18 proceeding that complies with the provisions of chapter 803, shall be  
19 guilty of (A) a class C felony for a violation of subdivision (1) or (3) of  
20 this subsection, and such person shall be sentenced to a term of  
21 imprisonment of which thirty consecutive days of the sentence imposed  
22 may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and (B) a class B  
23 felony for a violation of subdivision (2) of this subsection, [except that,  
24 if the violation is of subdivision (2) of this subsection] and such person  
25 shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which thirty consecutive  
26 days of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced in any  
27 manner, except that, if the victim of the offense is under thirteen years  
28 of age, such person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of  
29 which five years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or  
30 reduced by the court.

31 (b) The act of a parent or agent leaving an infant thirty days or  
32 younger with a designated employee pursuant to section 17a-58 shall  
33 not constitute a violation of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2021	53-21
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect children by creating a mandatory sentence of thirty consecutive days of imprisonment for injury or risk of injury to a child.

*[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.]*