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HOUSE BILL NO. 989

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-67.4:2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sexual abuse of certain children; penalty.

Patron—Garrett

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-67.4:2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-67.4:2. Sexual abuse of a child under 15 years of age; penalty.

Any adult who, with lascivious intent, commits an act of sexual abuse, as defined in § 18.2-67.10, with any child 13 years of age or older but under 15 years of age is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor ~~or~~ 6 felony.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is at least \$766,778 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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