

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5140

AN ACT

To lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. LOWERING AGE AT WHICH A MINOR MAY BE**
2 **TRIED AS ADULT FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL OF-**
3 **FENSES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

4 (a) **LOWERING AGE AT WHICH MINOR MAY BE EX-**
5 **CLUDED FROM JURISDICTION OF FAMILY COURT.**—Sec-
6 tion 16–2301, District of Columbia Official Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “sixteen years
9 of age” and inserting “fourteen years of age”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (3) in the matter following
11 subparagraph (C), by striking “the age of sixteen”
12 and inserting “the age of fourteen”.

13 (b) **LOWERING AGE AT WHICH MINOR MAY BE**
14 **TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.**—Section 16–
15 2307(a), District of Columbia Official Code, is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “fifteen” and
17 inserting “fourteen”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “sixteen” and
19 inserting “fourteen”.

20 (c) **APPLICABILITY.**—This Act, and the amendments
21 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to criminal of-

1 fenses committed on and after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives September 16,
2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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