

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5140

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Mr. GILL of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

6 (b) LOWERING AGE AT WHICH MINOR MAY BE
7 TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.—Section 16–
8 2307(a), District of Columbia Official Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “fifteen” and
10 inserting “fourteen”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “sixteen” and
12 inserting “fourteen”; and

13 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “eighteen”
14 and inserting “fourteen”.

15 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendments
16 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to criminal of-
17 fenses committed on and after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act.

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