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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 448, L.D. 598, Bill, "An Act to Create the Crime of Sexual Misconduct with a Child under 14 Years of Age"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§258." in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "person" the following: ', having in fact attained 18 years of age'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§258." in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2914, subsection 1" and inserting in its place the following: '2921, subsection 5'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload, administrative costs and indigent defense costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment specifies that a person may only be guilty of
sexual misconduct with a child under 14 years of age if that
8 person is at least 18 years of age. The amendment also corrects
a reference and adds a fiscal note to the bill.