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Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "which" and inserting the following: 'which~~that~~'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "crime, shall" and inserting the following: 'crime,~~shall~~'

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "12" and inserting the following: '10'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

‘Sec. 3. Application. This Act applies to the following juvenile crimes in which the victim had not attained 16 years of age at the time of the crime:

1. The juvenile crimes of unlawful sexual contact and gross sexual assault committed on or after the effective date of this Act; and

2. The juvenile crimes of unlawful sexual contact and gross sexual assault for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the previous statute of limitations in force on the effective date of this Act.’

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment extends the statute of limitations to 10 instead of 12 years as proposed in the bill when the victim was under 16 years of age, the juvenile crime was unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault and the accused juvenile was under 16 years of age at the time of the crime, regardless if DNA evidence is available.

The amendment also adds an application section to specify that this change in the statute of limitations applies only to juvenile crimes committed on or after the effective date of the bill and to juvenile crimes for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the previous statute of limitations in force on the effective date of the bill.