



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6906**

LCO No. 2875



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. KLARIDES, 114<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. CANDELORA, 86<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. O'DEA, 125<sup>th</sup> Dist.

REP. O'NEILL, 69<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. KOKORUDA, 101<sup>st</sup> Dist.  
REP. ZUPKUS, 89<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ADULTS COERCING JUVENILES TO COMMIT GANG-RELATED CRIMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That title 53a of the general statutes be amended to make it a  
2 criminal offense for any adult to coerce or conspire with a juvenile to  
3 commit a gang-related crime if the adult has knowledge that such  
4 juvenile is under eighteen years of age and the adult has coerced or  
5 conspired with the juvenile with the knowledge and intention that the  
6 juvenile will face a reduced criminal penalty due to the juvenile's age,  
7 to provide that such offense shall be a class D felony and to further  
8 provide that a state's attorney shall not be precluded from charging a  
9 person charged under such offense with any other charge available to  
10 the state's attorney.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prevent adult offenders from utilizing juveniles in the commission of gang-related crimes.