



General Assembly

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LCO No. 5592



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR
INJURY OR RISK OF INJURY OF A CHILD.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 53-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Any person who (1) wilfully or unlawfully causes or permits any
4 child under the age of sixteen years to be placed in such a situation
5 that the life or limb of such child is endangered, the health of such
6 child is likely to be injured or the morals of such child are likely to be
7 impaired, or does any act likely to impair the health or morals of any
8 such child, or (2) has contact with the intimate parts, as defined in
9 section 53a-65, of a child under the age of sixteen years or subjects a
10 child under sixteen years of age to contact with the intimate parts of
11 such person, in a sexual and indecent manner likely to impair the
12 health or morals of such child, or (3) permanently transfers the legal or
13 physical custody of a child under the age of sixteen years to another
14 person for money or other valuable consideration or acquires or
15 receives the legal or physical custody of a child under the age of

16 sixteen years from another person upon payment of money or other
17 valuable consideration to such other person or a third person, except in
18 connection with an adoption proceeding that complies with the
19 provisions of chapter 803, shall be guilty of (A) a class C felony for a
20 violation of subdivision (1) or (3) of this subsection, and such person
21 shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which thirty
22 consecutive days of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or
23 reduced in any manner, and (B) a class B felony for a violation of
24 subdivision (2) of this subsection, [except that, if the violation is of
25 subdivision (2) of this subsection] and such person shall be sentenced
26 to a term of imprisonment of which thirty consecutive days of the
27 sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced in any manner,
28 except that, if the victim of the offense is under thirteen years of age,
29 such person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which
30 five years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced
31 by the court.

32 (b) The act of a parent or agent leaving an infant thirty days or
33 younger with a designated employee pursuant to section 17a-58 shall
34 not constitute a violation of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	53-21

Statement of Purpose:

To protect children by creating a mandatory sentence of thirty consecutive days of imprisonment for injury or risk of injury to a child.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]