

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5140

AN ACT

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.

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

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

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

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

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

13 (b) LOWERING AGE AT WHICH MINOR MAY BE
14 TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.—Section 16–
15 2307(a), District of Columbia Official Code, is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “fifteen” and
17 inserting “fourteen”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “sixteen” and
19 inserting “fourteen”.

20 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendments
21 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to criminal of-

- 1 fenses committed on and after the date of the enactment
- 2 of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives September 16,
2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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