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AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-8D-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to sex crimes involving a child; making it unlawful for a parent, guardian, custodian or other person in a position of trust in relation to a child to knowingly procure, authorize, or induce another person to engage in or attempt to engage in prohibited sexual conduct.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §61-8D-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8D. CHILD ABUSE.

§61-8D-5. Sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian or person in a position of trust to a child; parent, guardian, custodian or person in a position of trust allowing sexual abuse to be inflicted upon a child; displaying of sex organs by a parent, guardian, or custodian; penalties.

1 (a) In addition to any other offenses set forth in this 2 code, the Legislature hereby declares a separate and 3 distinct offense under this subsection, as follows: If any 4 parent, guardian or custodian of or other person in a 5 position of trust in relation to a child under his or her care, 6 custody or control, shall engage in or attempt to engage in sexual exploitation of, or in sexual intercourse, sexual 8 intrusion or sexual contact with, a child under his or her 9 care, custody or control, notwithstanding the fact that the 10 child may have willingly participated in such conduct, or 11 the fact that the child may have consented to such conduct 12 or the fact that the child may have suffered no apparent physical injury or mental or emotional injury as a result of 14 such conduct, then such parent, guardian, custodian or 15 person in a position of trust shall be guilty of a felony and, 16 upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a correc-17 tional facility not less than ten nor more than twenty 18 years, or fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000 and 19 imprisoned in a correctional facility not less than ten years 20 nor more than twenty years.

21 (b) Any parent, guardian, custodian or other person in a 22 position of trust in relation to the child who knowingly 23 procures, authorizes, or induces another person to engage 24 in or attempt to engage in sexual exploitation of, or sexual 25 intercourse, sexual intrusion or sexual contact with, a 26 child under the care, custody or control of such parent, 27 guardian, custodian or person in a position of trust when such child is less than sixteen years of age, notwithstand-29 ing the fact that the child may have willingly participated 30 in such conduct or the fact that the child may have 31 suffered no apparent physical injury or mental or emo-32 tional injury as a result of such conduct, such parent, 33 guardian, custodian or person in a position of trust shall 34 be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be 35 imprisoned in a correctional facility not less than five 36 years nor more than fifteen years, or fined not less than

- 37 \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisoned in a correc-
- 38 tional facility not less than five years nor more than
- 39 fifteen years.
- 40 (c) Any parent, guardian, custodian or other person in a
- 41 position of trust in relation to the child who knowingly
- 42 procures, authorizes, or induces another person to engage
- 43 in or attempt to engage in sexual exploitation of, or sexual
- 44 intercourse, sexual intrusion or sexual contact with, a
- 45 child under the care, custody or control of such parent,
- 46 guardian, custodian or person in a position of trust when
- 47 such child is sixteen years of age or older, notwithstanding
- 48 the fact that the child may have consented to such conduct
- 49 or the fact that the child may have suffered no apparent
- 50 physical injury or mental or emotional injury as a result of
- 51 such conduct, then such parent, guardian, custodian or
- 52 person in a position of trust shall be guilty of a felony and,
- 53 upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a correc-
- 54 tional facility not less than one year nor more than five
- 55 years.
- 56 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a
- 57 custodian or person in a position of trust whose age
- 58 exceeds the age of the child by less than four years.

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee
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