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Act No. 102 (H.694). An act relating to sexual exploitation

Subjects: Crimes and criminal procedure; sexual exploitation of a person under the supervision of the Department of Corrections; sexual exploitation of a minor

This act amends three sexual exploitation statutes within Vermont’s criminal sexual assault chapter, 13 V.S.A. chapter 72, to include both sexual acts defined in 13 V.S.A. § 3251 and sexual conduct defined in 13 V.S.A. § 2821. The statutes amended include:

1. sexual exploitation of a person under the supervision of the Department of Corrections;
2. sexual exploitation of a minor; and
3. sexual exploitation of a person who is being investigated, detained, arrested, or is in the custody of a law enforcement officer.

The act also directs the Vermont Sentencing Commission to review definitions in 13 V.S.A. chapters 59 (lewdness and prostitution), 64 (sexual exploitation of children), and 72 (sexual assault) for the purpose of updating and harmonizing the definitions as they are used in those chapters. As part of the review, the Commission shall, in particular, consider the definitions of “sexual conduct” as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 2821 and “sexual act” as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 3251. The Commission must report its recommendations for legislative consideration to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary on or before December 1, 2024.

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