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Act No. 172 (H.173). An act relating to prohibiting manipulating a child for the purpose of sexual contact

Subjects: Crimes; luring a child

This act prohibits manipulation of a child for the purpose of sexual contact by amending the statutes pertaining to luring a child and sexual exploitation of a minor. The sexual exploitation of a minor statute is to address cases where the child is of the age to consent to sex (16 years of age), but the conduct is prohibited because of the relationship/age difference between the child and actor. So, for purposes of manipulation, the luring statute will be used if the child is under 16 years of age and the exploitation statute used if child is 16 or 17 years of age.

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