

Upon a quick review of my understanding of some of the S.4 House-Changes today, by DSA Jared Bianchi and I, I wanted to flag a few things about the proposed language concerning the “carrying a weapon while in commission of a felony” / “attempts” / transfer sections within the 16-19 Y/O age-range / and “the landlord sections.” Jared or Rory may provide subsequent comment too if helpful.

1. **Concerning the new transfer language in the 16-19 Y/O age-range:** I am not sure if this changes anything in practice because we can already transfer Felonies, but as we have testified, this process of transfer can be very cumbersome and time consuming. Jared noted an 11-month timeframe for transfer in one instance.
2. We continue to advocate that **“Carrying a Weapon While In Commission of a Felony”** should be a **“Big Offense”** as it is both germane and prevalent in our daily practice and in the context of S.4
3. **The presence of a firearm while in commission of a felony appears to fall very clearly under the policy justifications** of why we have a Big 12 and the ability to direct file in Adult Court (see news out of Richmond and Bennington in the past few days).
4. **We also believe** that **“Attempts”** should be a part of the Big Offenses for the many reasons I have stated on the record (the fact that someone did not die during an attempted murder should not disallow Big 12 filing in Adult Court).
5. We believe the Senate’s Version of S.4 concerning ***Landlord related criminal liability*** should remain intact.