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Act No. 4 (H.2). An act relating to increasing the minimum age for delinquency proceedings

Subjects: Delinquency proceedings; minimum age

This act increases from 10 to 12 the minimum age for a child to be subject to delinquency proceedings. The act extends the implementation date for the Raise the Age juvenile justice initiative from April 1, 2025 to July 1, 2027. This program, which has been ongoing for several years, increases the age at which children who engage in criminal conduct are charged as juveniles in the Family Division rather than as adults in the Criminal Division. The act also requires the Department for Children and Families to provide the Legislature with two status reports on the program's implementation.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on March 31, 2025