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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO SENATE BILL NO. 60

- 1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 60 by inserting the following after line 12:
- 2 "(c) A minor who, if 18 years or older, could be charged with prostitution as defined in subsection (a) of this
- 3 section, is presumed to be a neglected or abused child under § 901 of Title 10. Whenever a police officer has probable
- 4 cause to believe that a minor has engaged in prostitution, the police officer shall make an immediate report to the
- 5 Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families pursuant to § 903 of Title 16."

SYNOPSIS

This amendment recognizes that a minor should not be charged criminally with prostitution, but rather, needs services. This amendment requires the police to immediately report to DSCYF when they have probable cause that a minor is engaging in prostitution. This amendment also provides that a child who engages in prostitution is presumed to be a neglected or abused child in order to receive services from DSCYF and The Family Court.

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