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Action on the Bill

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An act to raise the age of consent to 18 in the state of Kentucky by revising current law.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: We move to revise section 1B of KRS 510.060 in order to raise the age of consent in Kentucky to 18 years of age. The revised law will read "Third-degree rape is someone 21 or older engaging in sexual intercourse with someone under the age of 18.

Section 2: The age of consent is the age at which a person can legally consent to having sexual intercourse. Section 1B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes 510.060 currently states that "Third-degree" rape is someone 21 or older engaging in sexual intercourse with someone under 16.

Section 3: There will be a close-in-age exception as follows:

Minors, ages 16 or older, can legally consent to engage in sexual intercourse with persons between the ages of 16 and 20.

Section 4: By raising the age of consent to 18, those legally considered children will be protected from harm by predatory adults.

Section 5: The current penalty for third-degree rape is one to five years in prison. Under the revised law, the penalty will remain the same.

Section 6: The revised law will go into effect one year after passage.