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SENATE BILL NO. 1149

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-346 of the Code of Virginia, relating to disposition of minors engaging in prostitution; forced prostitution.

Patron—McEachin

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-346 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-346. Being a prostitute or prostitution.

A. Any ~~person~~ *adult* who, for money or its equivalent, commits adultery, fornication or any act in violation of § 18.2-361, or offers to commit adultery, fornication or any act in violation of § 18.2-361 and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of being a prostitute, or prostitution, ~~which shall be punishable as~~ a Class 1 misdemeanor. *Any minor who engages in conduct prohibited by this subsection shall be taken before an intake officer pursuant to § 16.1-260 for consideration as a child in need of services as defined in § 16.1-228.*

B. Any person who offers money or its equivalent to another for the purpose of engaging in sexual acts as enumerated above and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of solicitation of prostitution, ~~and shall be guilty of~~ a Class 1 misdemeanor.

C. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the person arrested or charged for a violation of subsection A was induced to engage in prostitution through the use of force, intimidation, or deception by another.

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