

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill



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Bill No: 52 Committee: F

Status:

Passed by: Committee House Senate Governor

Tabled by: Committee House Senate Governor

Other: Passed with amendment in Committee – No action in House

Simple Title of Bill: Minors being charged as adults after three strikes of having more than a misdemeanor (excluding murder).

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AN ACT

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Help stop less crime going on with juveniles.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW

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MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

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SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. – Misdemeanor (excluding murder) - an non indictable offense

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less than a felony

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SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - The bill of having minors being charged as an adult after

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having three strikes on something above a misdemeanor (excluding murder)

1 from the ages of 12 and 17 years old. Having their fourth offense in a trail seen as an adult.

2 Whereas, the crime rate of juveniles in the state of New Mexico is 39%. That rate is
3 gradually growing up each year. A person should only have so many opportunities in
4 having a second chance. If a person does not learn and change their ways after three times
5 they are most likely not going to change.

6 Whereas, the juveniles are not only committing traffic infractions or minor illegal things,
7 but are being caught with weapons, drugs, battery assault or even shootings. It is common
8 sense that someone should not be carrying those certain items especially an underage half
9 of the crimes are done by foolishness.

10 Whereas, there has been situations were a minor has been in and out of juvie and jail
11 since they were 12 years old and have committed serious crimes but since they are
12 underage they do not get the proper punishment. There are programs that do help to get
13 the youth back to their right path but those are for misdemeanors (excluding murder).

14 Be it further resolved, by this bill giving minors a proper chance but if not appreciated
15 having the proper punishment. If they have the courage to do more than a misdemeanor
16 (excluding murder) they should be able to take responsibility for what they have done or are
17 doing. The crime dealt with juveniles will be lowered down with this bill.

18 If a minor commits a murder automatically should be charged as an adult.

19 SECTION 3. PENALTY. - After having three strikes be sentenced as an adult.

20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. -

21 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
22 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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24 This act shall become effective 90 days after it's passage and approval by the American

1 Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or it's otherwise becoming a law.