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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Ottiano, Ciccone, and Cote

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-9-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-9-4. Contributing to delinquency.** -- Every person who knowingly or willfully
4 encourages, aids, contributes to, or in any way causes any child under the age of ~~sixteen (16)~~
5 eighteen (18) years to violate any law of this state, or the ordinances of any town or city in this
6 state, or who knowingly or willfully encourages, aids, contributes to, or in any way causes any
7 child under the age of ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years to be guilty of any vicious or immoral
8 conduct, or who, being the parent, parents, legal guardian, or person having the custody or the
9 control of any such child, permits or suffers the child to habitually associate with vicious,
10 immoral, or criminal persons, or to grow up in ignorance, idleness, or crime, or to wander about
11 the streets of any city or town in the nighttime without being in any lawful business or
12 occupation, or to enter any house of ill fame, policy shop, or place where any gambling is carried
13 on or gaming device is operated, or to enter any place where intoxicating liquors are sold, shall be
14 guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars
15 (\$500) or be imprisoned not exceeding one year.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that anyone who contributes to the delinquency of a child under
2 the age of eighteen (18) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. It raises the age from sixteen (16) to
3 eighteen (18) to be included in this crime.

4 This act shall take effect upon passage.

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