



RPC Highlight

H.R. 5140 - To lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age.

Sponsored by Rep. Brandon Gill (TX-26)

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Bill Summary:

This legislation lowers the age at which a minor may be charged as an adult in the District of Columbia from 16 to 14, with respect to certain criminal offenses committed after enactment of this legislation.

Policy Background:

In 2024, juveniles accounted for 51.8% of all robbery arrests and, as of August, 60% of all carjacking arrests in 2025. The percentage of homicides and non-fatal shootings by perpetrators ages 15-to-20 almost doubled from 2021 to 2024. According to MPD, violent crime by juveniles has gone up every year since 2020 and nearly 200 juveniles arrested in 2024 had prior violent crime arrests.

Committee Action:

This legislation received a markup and was reported favorably by the House Oversight Committee on September 11, 2025, by a vote of 26-19.