

# An Act

To raise the age of unrestricted consent to 18 nationwide, and to establish standardized provisions regulating sexual activity among teenagers close-in-age.

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “Raise the Age Act”.

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## SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS

Sec. 301. The term “high-school-level grade” includes grade 9, grade 10, grade 11, and grade 12, and it excludes any other educational grade.

Sec. 302. The term “relation-by-adoption” means the familial relation between two people established by the adoption of one person by another, whether or not the former two people be the same as the latter two, and it includes all cases where the adoption has been reversed since its commencement.

Sec. 303. The term “incest” means a sexual act, for which purpose blood relation and relation-by-adoption are considered coequal, between a person and—

- (A) their ancestor;
- (B) their descendant;
- (C) their sibling;
- (D) the descendant of their sibling;
- (E) the sibling of their ancestor;
- (F) the current or former spouse of their parent, if the marriage establishing that relation was initiated before the abovementioned person attained 18 years of age;
- (G) their current or former stepchild, if the marriage establishing that relation was initiated before the stepchild attained 18 years of age;

(H) their current or former stepsibling, if the marriage establishing that relation was initiated before either the aforementioned person or the stepsibling attained 18 years of age.

#### **SEC. 4. STANDARDIZATION OF STATE LAWS**

The Secretary of Education shall withhold ten percent per annum of the amount required to be apportioned to any State...on the first day of each fiscal year beginning after September 30, 2030, if—

(A) the commencement of a marriage involving a person below 18 years of age, in which the difference between the birth dates of the spouses would be at least four years, is lawful in that State;

(B) the commencement of a marriage involving a person below 16 years of age is lawful in that State;

(C) it is lawful in that State for a person, having attained the age of 14 years, to engage in a sexual act with a younger person, unless—

(i) the difference between their birth dates is less than two years;

(ii) the difference between their birth dates is less than four years, and both persons are or were simultaneously enrolled in high-school-level grades;

(iii) both persons are at least 16 years of age, the difference between their birth dates is less than six years, and the younger person has obtained a high school diploma recognized by the State; or

(iv) both persons are at least 18 years of age; or

(D) the State, in the past calendar year, indicted a person for a non-incestuous sexual act with another person on the basis of their ages, if, at the time of the sexual act—

(i) the difference between their birth dates was less than two years, and both persons were at least 14 years of age;

(ii) the difference between their birth dates was less than four years, both persons were then or previously simultaneously enrolled in high-school-level grades, and both persons were at least 14 years of age;

(iii) both persons were at least 16 years of age, the difference between their birth dates was less than six years, the younger person had obtained a high school diploma recognized by the State; or

(iv) both persons were at least 18 years of age.

## **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18**

SEC. 501. Subsection (c) of section 2241 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “or knowingly engages in a sexual act under the circumstances described in subsections (a) and (b) with another person who has attained the age of 12 years but has not attained the age of 16 years (and is at least 4 years younger than the person engaging)” and inserting “knowingly engages in a sexual act under the circumstances described in subsections (a) and (b) with another person who has attained the age of 12 years but has not attained the age of 16 years (and is, by exact date of birth, at least four years younger than the person engaging), or knowingly engages in a sexual act under the circumstances described in subsections (a) and (b) with another person who has attained the age of 16 years but has not attained the age of 18 years (and is, by exact date of birth, at least six years younger than the person engaging)”.

SEC. 502. (a) Subsection (1) of subsection (a) of section 2243 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “; and” and inserting “ (and is, by exact date of birth, at least four years younger than the person engaging); or”.

(b) Subsection (2) of subsection (a) of section 2243 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “is at least four years younger than the person so engaging” and inserting “has attained the age of 16 years but has not attained the age of 18 years (and is, by exact date of birth, at least six years younger than the person engaging)”.

SEC. 503. Subsection (d) of section 2243 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “16 years” and inserting “18 years”.