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SENATE DRS15157-LH-12 (11/17)

Short Title: Amend Statutory Rape/15 Yrs. Old or Younger. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators J. Jackson, Daniel, and Bingham (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF STATUTORY RAPE OR SEXUAL  
OFFENSE OF A PERSON WHO IS THIRTEEN, FOURTEEN, OR FIFTEEN YEARS  
OLD TO APPLY TO ANY VICTIM WHO IS FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR  
YOUNGER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-27.7A reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-27.7A. Statutory rape or sexual offense of person who is ~~13, 14, or 15 years old of~~  
age or younger.

(a) A defendant is guilty of a Class B1 felony if the defendant engages in vaginal  
intercourse or a sexual act with another person who is ~~13, 14, or 15 years old of age or younger~~  
and the defendant is at least six years older than the person, except when the defendant is  
lawfully married to the person.

(b) ~~A~~ Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing  
greater punishment, a defendant is guilty of a Class C felony if the defendant engages in  
vaginal intercourse or a sexual act with another person who is ~~13, 14, or 15 years old of age or~~  
younger and the defendant is more than four but less than six years older than the person,  
except when the defendant is lawfully married to the person."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to  
offenses committed on or after that date.

