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moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 10, by inserting the following between the word "TRAFFICKING;" and the word "AND" on that line:

"TO EXPAND THE IMMUNITY FOR MINORS SUSPECTED OF CRIMES RELATED TO PROSTITUTION;";

and on page 3, lines 12-13, by inserting the following between those lines:

"IMMUNITY FOR MINORS

SECTION 2A.(a) Article 27 of Chapter 14 is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-208.2. Immunity from prosecution for minors.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, if it is determined that a person suspected of or charged with a violation of this Article is a minor, that person shall be immune from prosecution and instead shall be taken into temporary protective custody as an undisciplined juvenile pursuant to Article 19 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes. Pursuant to G.S. 7B-301, a law enforcement officer who takes the minor into custody shall immediately report an allegation of a violation of G.S. 14-43.11 and G.S. 14-43.13 to the director of the department of social services in the county where the minor resides or is found, which shall commence an initial investigation into child abuse or child neglect within 24 hours pursuant to G.S. 7B-301 and 7B-302."

SECTION 2A.(b) Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this section are not abated or affected by this section, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this section remain applicable to those prosecutions.



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1 **SECTION 2A.(c)** This section becomes law December 1, 2026, and applies to any
2 offenses committed on or after that date."

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