

I write to oppose this bill. Whether a juvenile or adult, persons found guilty of crimes should be held accountable. Fines, fees, punishment by incarceration and/or community service serve should fit their actions. They should recompense their victims (if any), and serve time or give service to such a degree that will said person will realize the gravity of his (or her) actions. Categorically waiving fees or fines based on a juvenile's age is counter productive, won't teach him anything, and could foreseeably lead to the negative result of young persons being recruited for crime just because their penalties will be light. Poverty or wealth, or race, education, or whatever else may be factors can be recognized and reckons with by judge or jury on a particular case's facts. Intervention by correction(s) wisely applied will yield best results. To best serve all constituents, please do not pass this bill. Or revive it in some future session. It is unwise on its face.

Thank you.