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**TEXT OF 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.**

**[Showing the text of H.R. 5140, as ordered reported by the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform]**

1 **SECTION 1. LOWERING AGE AT WHICH A MINOR MAY BE**
2 **TRIED AS ADULT FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL OF-**
3 **FENSES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

4 (a) LOWERING AGE AT WHICH MINOR MAY BE EX-
5 CLUDED FROM JURISDICTION OF FAMILY COURT.—Sec-
6 tion 16–2301, District of Columbia Official Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “sixteen years
9 of age” and inserting “fourteen years of age”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (3) in the matter following
11 subparagraph (C), by striking “the age of sixteen”
12 and inserting “the age of fourteen”.

13 (b) LOWERING AGE AT WHICH MINOR MAY BE
14 TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.—Section 16–
15 2307(a), District of Columbia Official Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “fifteen” and
2 inserting “fourteen”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “sixteen” and
4 inserting “fourteen”.

5 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendments
6 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to criminal of-
7 fenses committed on and after the date of the enactment
8 of this Act.

