

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2864

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Senate, July 11, 2024 -- Text of amendment (474) (offered by Senator Crighton) to the Ways and Means amendment (Senate, No. 2856) to the Senate Bill relative to economic development

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)  
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1 by inserting after section 2C the following 2 sections:-

2 “SECTION A3. Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, so appearing, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the sixtieth clause as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of  
4 2020, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:- Sixtieth, “Age of criminal majority”  
5 shall mean the age of 19.

6 SECTION B3. Section 167 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in all instances, the number “18” and  
8 inserting in place thereof the following word:- criminal majority.; and

9 by inserting after section 87 the following 2 sections:-

10 “SECTION 87A. Section 20 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 10 the words “18 years” and inserting  
12 in place thereof the following words:- criminal majority.

13 SECTION 87B. Section 24 of chapter 37 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
14 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 14 the number “18” and inserting in  
15 place thereof the following words:- criminal majority.”; and

16 by inserting after section 98 the following section:-

17 “SECTION 98A. Section 98F of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended by section  
18 26 of chapter 69 of the acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out, in clause (iv) of the last  
19 sentence, the words “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
20 age of criminal majority.”; and

21 by inserting after section 133 the following 5 sections:-

22 “SECTION 133A. Section 32H of chapter 94C, so appearing, is hereby amended by  
23 striking out in the second paragraph, as amended by section 21 of chapter 72 of the Acts of 2020,  
24 the words “18 years of age or older” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who  
25 has attained the age of criminal majority.”

26 SECTION 133B. Section 32H of chapter 94C of the General Laws, so appearing, is  
27 hereby amended by striking out in the second paragraph, as amended by section 21 of chapter 72  
28 of the Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “the age of  
29 criminal majority”

30 SECTION 133C. Section 32M of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
31 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 1 the word “eighteen” and  
32 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

33 SECTION 133D. Section 32M of chapter 94C of the General Law, as appearing in the  
34 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 6 the number “18” and inserting  
35 in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

36 SECTION 133E. Section 36 of chapter 94C of the General Law, as appearing in the 2020  
37 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 6 the words “their eighteenth  
38 birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-the age of criminal majority.”; and  
39 by inserting after section 135 the following 39 sections:-

40 “SECTION 135A. Section 52 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
41 striking out, in the definition of “delinquent child” as amended by section 72 of chapter 69 of the  
42 Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of  
43 criminal majority”

44 SECTION 135B. Section 52 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
45 striking out, in the definition of “youthful offender,” as amended by section 72 of chapter 69 of  
46 the Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age  
47 of criminal majority”

48 SECTION 135C. Section 54 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
49 striking out, in the first paragraph as amended by section 73 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020,  
50 the words “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of  
51 criminal majority”

52 SECTION 135D. Section 54 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
53 striking out, in the second paragraph as amended by section 73 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020,

54 the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal  
55 majority”

56 SECTION 135E. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
57 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words in lines 8 to 12, inclusive  
58 “that any such probation may be imposed until such child reaches age eighteen or age nineteen in  
59 the case of a child whose case is disposed of after he has attained his eighteenth birthday or age  
60 20 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after he attains his nineteenth birthday”, and  
61 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “that any such probation may, in the case of an  
62 offense that occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday, be imposed until such child reaches  
63 age 18 or 19 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the child has attained the  
64 child’s eighteenth birthday or age 20 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the  
65 child attains the child’s nineteenth birthday. In the case of an offense that occurred on or after the  
66 child’s eighteenth birthday, such probation may be imposed until such child reaches age 19 or  
67 age 20 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the child has attained the child’s  
68 nineteenth birthday, or age 21 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the child  
69 attains the child’s twentieth birthday.”

70 SECTION 135F. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
71 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “attains the age of eighteen”, in  
72 lines 26 to 27, inclusive, the following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the  
73 child’s eighteenth birthday.”

74 SECTION 135G. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
75 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “nineteenth birthday”, in

76 lines 29 to 30, inclusive, the following words:- “In a case where the offense occurred on or after  
77 the child’s eighteenth birthday, the probationary or commitment period shall not be for a period  
78 longer than until such child attains the age of nineteen.

79 SECTION 135H. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
80 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “twenty-one”, in line 38,  
81 the following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth  
82 birthday, or until he reaches the age of twenty- three in the case of a child whose offense  
83 occurred on or after the child’s eighteenth birthday.”

84 SECTION 135I. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
85 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “twenty-one”, in line 54, the  
86 following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday,  
87 or until they reach the age of twenty-three in the case of a child whose offense occurred on or  
88 after the child’s eighteenth birthday”

89 SECTION 135J. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
90 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “juvenile court probation  
91 department until the age of twenty-one”, in line 48, the following words:- “in a case where the  
92 offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday, or until the age of twenty-three in the  
93 case of a child whose offense occurred on or after the child’s eighteenth birthday.”

94 SECTION 135K. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
95 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “twenty-one”, in line 54,  
96 the following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth

97 birthday, or until they reach the age of twenty-three in the case of a child whose offense occurred  
98 on or after the child’s eighteenth birthday”

99 SECTION 135L. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
100 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “eighteenth”, in line 79, and  
101 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “twenty-first”

102 SECTION 135M. Said section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
103 2020 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out the words “the Massachusetts  
104 Correctional Institution, Cedar Junction, prior to his eighteenth birthday”, in lines 78 to 79, and  
105 inserting in place thereof the following words:-

106 “any prison owned, operated, administered or subject to the control of the department of  
107 correction including, but not limited to: Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Cedar Junction;  
108 Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk; Massachusetts Correctional Institution,  
109 Concord; Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Framingham; Massachusetts Correctional  
110 Institution, Bridgewater; Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Plymouth; Massachusetts  
111 Correctional Institution, Warwick; and Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Monroe, prior to  
112 his twenty-first birthday.”

113 SECTION 135N. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
114 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “until such child attains his  
115 eighteenth birthday or his nineteenth birthday in the case of a child whose case is disposed of  
116 after he has attained his eighteenth birthday”, in lines 97 to 99, inclusive, and inserting the  
117 following words:- “until such child attains their nineteenth birthday or their twentieth birthday in  
118 the case of a child whose case is disposed of after they have attained their nineteenth birthday”

119 SECTION 135O. Section 60A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
120 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 17 the words “eighteenth  
121 birthdays” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

122 SECTION 135P. Section 60A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
123 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 20 the words, “been age 18  
124 older” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attained the age of criminal  
125 majority”

126 SECTION 135Q. Section 60A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
127 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 22 the number, “were age 18 or  
128 older” where it so appears and inserting in place thereof the following number:- “attained the age  
129 of criminal majority”

130 SECTION 135R. Section 63A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
131 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 1 the words “is 19 years of age”  
132 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attained the age of criminal majority”

133 SECTION 135S. Section 63A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
134 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 2 the number “18” and inserting  
135 in place thereof the following number:- “criminal majority”

136 SECTION 135T. Section 65 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
137 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 2 the words “18 years of age”  
138 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

139 SECTION 135U. Section 66 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
140 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 3 and 5 the words “18 years of  
141 age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

142 SECTION 135V. Section 67 of Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
143 striking out in subsection (a), subsection (b), and subsection (d) as amended by section 76 of  
144 chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the  
145 following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

146 SECTION 135W. Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in  
147 section 68 as amended by section 77 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the number “18” and  
148 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

149 SECTION 135X. Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in  
150 section 68 as amended by section 77 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of  
151 age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

152 SECTION 135Y. Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in  
153 section 68A as amended by section 77 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of  
154 age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

155 SECTION 135Z. Section 70 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
156 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 2 the words “18 years of age”  
157 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

158 SECTION 135AA. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
159 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 2 through 3, inclusive, the



160 words “their eighteenth birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of  
161 criminal majority”

162 SECTION 135BB. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
163 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 9 the word “ twentieth” and  
164 inserting in place thereof the following words:-“twenty-first”

165 SECTION 135CC. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
166 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10 to 13, inclusive, the  
167 words “ prior to his eighteenth birthday, and is not apprehended until between such child’s  
168 eighteenth and nineteenth birthday, the court shall deal with such child in the same manner as if  
169 he has not attained his eighteenth birthday and all provisions and rights applicable to a child  
170 under 18 shall apply to such child.” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

171 “prior to attaining the age of criminal majority, and is not apprehended until between  
172 such child’s attainment of the age of criminal majority and the subsequent birthday, the court  
173 shall deal with such child in the same manner as if they have not attained the age of criminal  
174 majority and all provisions and rights applicable to a child under 18 shall apply to such child.”

175 SECTION 135DD. Subsection (b) of section 72 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as  
176 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “their  
177 eighteenth birthday”, in line 18, and inserting in place thereof the following words:-the age of  
178 criminal majority

179 SECTION 135EE. Section 72A of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
180 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 2 to 3 inclusive, the words

181 “his eighteenth birthday, and is not apprehended until after his nineteenth birthday,” and  
182 inserting in place thereof the following:-

183 “attaining the age of criminal majority, and is not apprehended until after their  
184 subsequent birthday”

185 SECTION 135FF. Section 72B of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
186 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in all instances, the words “his  
187 eighteenth birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attaining the age of  
188 criminal majority”

189 SECTION 135GG. Section 74 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
190 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 3 through 4, inclusive, the  
191 words “his eighteenth birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-“attaining the  
192 age of criminal majority”

193 SECTION 135HH. Section 74 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
194 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 10 and 14 the words “18  
195 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

196 SECTION 135II. Section 84 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
197 striking out in the first paragraph as amended by section 78 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the  
198 words“eighteen (or nineteen) years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
199 “the age of criminal majority (or one year older)”

200 SECTION 135JJ. Section 89 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
201 striking out in the definition of “Juvenile” of subsection (a) as amended by section 80 of chapter

202 69 of the Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
203 “criminal majority”

204 SECTION 135KK. Section 15 of chapter 120 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
205 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 3 and 4 the number “18” and  
206 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

207 SECTION 135LL. Section 21 of chapter 120 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
208 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 6, 9, and 10 the word  
209 “conviction” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- “adjudication”

210 SECTION 135MM. Said section 21 of said chapter 120 of the General Laws, as  
211 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 17 the words  
212 “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal  
213 majority.”; and

214 by inserting after section 153 the following 25 sections:-

215 “SECTION 153A. Section 2A of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
216 hereby amended by striking out in subsection (f) as amended by section 107 of chapter 69 of the  
217 Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
218 “the age of criminal majority”

219 SECTION 154A. Section 13 of chapter 250 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
220 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 3 the number “18” and inserting  
221 in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

222 SECTION 154B. Section 2 of chapter 258E of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
223 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 7 the number “18” and inserting  
224 in place thereof the following words:-“criminal majority”

225 SECTION 154C. Section 15A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
226 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 24 the words “18 years of age”  
227 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
228 majority”

229 SECTION 154D. Section 15A of said chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
230 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 46 the words “is 18 years of  
231 age or over” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “has attained the age of criminal  
232 responsibility”

233 SECTION 154E. Section 15B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
234 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 24 the words “ 18 years of age or  
235 over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- who has attained the age of criminal  
236 majority

237 SECTION 154F. Section 18 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
238 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 26 the number “18 years of over” and  
239 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal majority”

240 SECTION 154G. Section 18B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
241 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 43 the words “18 years of age or  
242 over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
243 majority”

244 SECTION 154H. Section 19 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
245 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 23 the words “18 years of age or  
246 over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
247 majority”

248 SECTION 154I. Section 43 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
249 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 56 and 89 the words “18 years of age  
250 or over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of  
251 criminal majority”

252 SECTION 154J. Section 59 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as added by section 132  
253 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out the number “18” and  
254 inserting in place thereof the following words:-“criminal majority”

255 SECTION 154K. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
256 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 53 the words “18 years of age or  
257 older” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
258 majority”

259 SECTION 154L. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
260 2020 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking in line 55 the number “18” and inserting in  
261 place thereof the words:- “the age of criminal majority”

262 SECTION 154M. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
263 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 223 and 225 the words “18  
264 years of age or over” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “who has attained the age of  
265 criminal majority”

266 SECTION 154N. Section 10E of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
267 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 40 through 41, inclusive, the  
268 words “18 years of age or older” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has  
269 attained the age of criminal majority”

270 SECTION 154O. Section 10E of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
271 2020 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out in line 42 the number “18” and  
272 inserting in place thereof the words:- “the age of criminal majority”

273 SECTION 154P. Section 10F of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
274 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 4 and 28 the words “18 years of  
275 age or over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of  
276 criminal majority”

277 SECTION 154Q. Section 10F of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
278 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 32 the number “18” and  
279 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

280 SECTION 154R. Section 10F of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
281 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 50 the words “17 years of age or  
282 over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
283 majority”

284 SECTION 154S. Section 10G of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
285 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 34 the words “18 years of age or  
286 over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
287 majority”

288 SECTION 154T. Section 87 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
289 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 7 the number “18” and inserting  
290 in place thereof the following words:-“criminal majority”

291 SECTION 154U. Said section 87 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
292 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 14 and 15, inclusive, the words  
293 “was eighteen years of age or older” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “had attained the  
294 age of criminal majority”

295 SECTION 154V. Section 89A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
296 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 3 the number “18” and inserting  
297 in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

298 SECTION 154W. Section 89B of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as added by section  
299 183 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out the words “are 18 to  
300 24” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attained the age of criminal majority  
301 and are under 25”

302 SECTION 154X. Section 100D of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
303 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 8 the number “17” and inserting  
304 in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

305 SECTION 154Y. Section 6B of chapter 280 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
306 hereby amended by striking out in the first paragraph as amended by section 209 of chapter 69 of  
307 the Acts of 2020, the words “18 years” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
308 criminal majority.”; and

309 by inserting after section 166 the following section:-

310 “SECTION 166A. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the  
311 department of youth services shall file a report with the Clerks of the Senate and House  
312 Representatives and the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means detailing the impact  
313 of integrating eighteen year olds into the care and custody of the department of youth services;  
314 including but not limited to (1) the number of eighteen year olds in department of youth services  
315 custody and (2) the offenses committed.”; and

316 by inserting after section 172 the following section:-

317 “SECTION 172A. SECTIONS A3 and B3, 87A and 87B, 98A, 133A to 133E, inclusive,  
318 135A to 135MM, inclusive, 153A and 154A to 154Y, inclusive, shall take effect 1 year after the  
319 effective date of this act.”.