HB 3261 -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the requirement that a peace officer record a custodial interview with a person under 18 years of age in the course of investigating acts that would constitute felony and misdemeanor crimes if committed by an adult, regardless of where the interview occurs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Replaces measure. Requires peace officers equipped with a body camera to record all custodial interviews of persons under 18 years of age in the course of investigating acts that would constitute felony and misdemeanor crimes if committed by an adult, regardless of where the interview occurs. Provides an exception where the person's age was unknown to the officer or would not have been objectively apparent to a reasonable officer.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017 the legislature passed HB 3242. That bill requires police officers to record interviews of youth under 18 in law enforcement facilities in connection with investigations into acts that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult.

House Bill 3261 expands on HB 3242 (2017) to require that a peace officer record a custodial interview with a person under 18 years of age in the course of investigating acts that would constitute felony and misdemeanor crimes if committed by an adult, regardless of where the interview occurs.