

Bill History
Session Year 2026
Raised S.B. No. 259

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Introducer(s):

Judiciary Committee

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

Statement of Purpose: To (1) establish the crime of female genital mutilation, (2) allow for testimony outside of the courtroom for victims twelve years of age or younger, (3) prohibit a witness who is a victim of female genital mutilation from being automatically adjudged incompetent due to age, (4) authorize a civil action by a victim, (5) abrogate immunity between a parent and child if the action is brought by the child against the parent, and (6) allow such actions within thirty years from the victim attaining the age of eighteen years.

Bill History:

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