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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the current statute that makes sexual contact or sexual intercourse by school employees with a 16- or 17-year-old a felony. It would include a number of occupations and those who participate in a volunteer position that require him or her to work or interact directly with children (other than through a school). Having sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a 16- or 17-year-old with whom the person works or interacts through that occupation or volunteer position would be a Class H felony.

The number of persons who may be impacted by this bill is very broad because it would include both paid and volunteer positions that could include the following: teaching children, child care, youth counseling, youth organization, coaching children, parks or playground recreation, or school bus driving. It should be noted that some of these positions could be part-time or volunteer and are often filled by juveniles or other young adults.

It is impossible to predict how many such crimes will be filed in the circuit court. Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. Felony proceedings generally require additional court appearances and more court hearings than misdemeanors. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the additional costs is impossible with the data available.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications