BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: SB 310 Version: FA1

Request Number:

Author: Rep. West, Josh Date: 4/12/2021 Impact: Exact impact dependent on cases, potential

increase in incarceration costs

Research Analysis

FA1 to SB 310 adds a new paragraph 2 to provide that any person fifteen, sixteen or seventeen years of age who is charged with rape in the first degree or attempted rape in the first degree may be held accountable for his or her act as if the person was an adult.

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Fiscal Analysis

The first floor amendment to the measure provides that persons 15-17 years of age charged with rape in the first degree or attempt thereof *may* be tried as adults. This is a change from the engrossed version, which provided that those individuals *shall* be tried as adults.

Upon review, the measure may increase incarceration costs borne by the Department of Corrections. Although the first floor amendment removes the requirement that individuals are tried as adults, the possibility of incarceration remains for an individual that otherwise would qualify for youthful offender status. The exact impact of the measure is dependent on the disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.

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