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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN

Introduced By: Representatives O'Neill, Slater, Gordon, Diaz, and Jackson

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-9-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **11-9-14. Use of tobacco by minors.** -- No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall  
4 smoke or chew or possess when such possession is clearly visible tobacco in any public street,  
5 place or resort, any tobacco in any form whatsoever. Any person under eighteen (18) years of age  
6 violating the provisions of this section shall be required to perform up to thirty (30) hours of  
7 community service ~~or~~ and shall be required to enter into a tobacco treatment program approved  
8 by any local substance abuse prevention task force, ~~at the option of a minor charged with a~~  
9 ~~violation of this section.~~

10           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make a tobacco treatment program mandatory for any person under the  
2 age of eighteen (18) years of age who violates this section.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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