

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB127

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 15, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 127 amends the potential range of sentencing provisions for crimes committed by children who are prosecuted as adults. Specifically, LB 127 would provide that a maximum sentence for a person under eighteen years of age and who is convicted of a Class IA felony would be forty years to eighty years imprisonment. LB 127 would also provide that the maximum sentence for a person under eighteen years of age who is convicted of a Class IB felony would be twenty years to eighty years imprisonment. These amendments are to ensure that those children who commit such offenses while under the age of eighteen do not receive a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jen Day