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- 1 Page 2-line 3 After "minor" insert "or purported minor".
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3 Page 4-line 13 After "minor" insert "or purported minor".
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5 Page 4-line 21 After "(ii)" insert "Except as provided by
6 subsection (h) of this section,".
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8 Page 5-line 14 After "(\$5,000.00)" insert ", or both".
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10 Page 5-line 18 After "(\$10,000.00)" insert ", or both".
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12 Page 5-line 23 After "(\$20,000.00)" insert ", or both".
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14 Page 6-line 8 After "minors" insert "or purported minors".
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16 Page 6-lines 10 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:
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18 "(f) A minor victim, or the minor's parent or legal guardian
19 acting on behalf of the minor, may bring a civil cause of action
20 under this section for damages and any other relief the court deems
21 reasonable. The ability of a parent or legal guardian to bring a
22 civil action on behalf of the minor shall not preclude the minor
23 from bringing an action independently upon reaching the age of
24 majority. This civil cause of action is independent of criminal
25 proceedings and may be brought by the minor or the minor's parent
26 or legal guardian regardless of whether criminal charges have been
27 filed. A civil cause of action under this section shall not be
28 contingent upon a conviction in a criminal case."
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30 Page 6-after line 18 Insert:
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32 "(h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
33 consensual communication between a person who is not less than
34 eighteen (18) years of age and a minor who is not more than four
35 (4) years younger than the person if:
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37 (i) The communication does not involve coercion,
38 exploitation or manipulation of the minor; and
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40 (ii) The communication occurs within the context of a
41 consensual dating or romantic relationship.". WASHUT, CHAIRMAN