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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, F. Lombardi, DiMario, Tikoian, Burke, Quezada,
Euer, McKenney, and DeLuca

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **11-9-9. Powers of family court.**

4 Where in §§ 11-9-1 — 11-9-8 any authority is vested in any court, the authority vested in
5 the court or courts mentioned is transferred to the family court. The family court shall have
6 exclusive original jurisdiction over any and all complaints and offenses set forth in §§ 11-9-2, 11-
7 9-4, 11-9-8, 11-9-12, 11-9-14 [repealed], and 11-9-15, and shall have the authority to impose
8 sentence as set forth in chapter 1 of title 14. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,
9 jurisdiction for violations of §§ 11-9-1, 11-9-1.1, 11-9-1.2, 11-9-1.3, 11-9-1.5, 11-9-5, ~~and~~ 11-9-
10 5.3 [and 11-9-5.4](#) shall be vested in the superior court.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would transfer jurisdiction of child endangerment offenses from the family court
2 to the superior court.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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