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SUMMARY

- Imposes a minimum mandatory prison term on an offender who engages in sexual conduct with another when the offender purposely compels the other person to submit by force or threat of force.
- Requires the minimum mandatory prison term to be at least seven years, but allows the minimum mandatory prison term to be 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 years.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Mandatory prison term for rape – compel

The offense of “rape” contains several prohibitions.¹ One of the prohibitions precludes a person from engaging in sexual conduct with another when the offender purposely compels the other person to submit by force or threat of force.²

The general penalty for a violation of rape is a first degree felony. The bill provides that if the offender is convicted of violating the above prohibition, the court must impose a minimum mandatory prison term on the offender that is one of the minimum prison terms for a first degree felony, but the minimum mandatory prison term imposed must be at least seven years. The minimum prison terms for a first degree felony are a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 years.³

¹ R.C. 2907.02(A)(1) and (2).

² R.C. 2907.02(A)(2).

³ R.C. 2907.02(B) and 2929.14(A)(1)(a), not in the bill.

HISTORY

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