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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
changing Section 5-4.5-105 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-105)

Sec. 5-4.5-105. SENTENCING OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF
<u>21</u> 18 AT THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE.

9 (a) On or after January 1, 2016 (the effective date of Public Act 99-69) this amendatory Act of the 99th General 10 11 Assembly and before the effective date of this amendatory Act 12 of the 102nd General Assembly, when a person commits an offense and the person is under 18 years of age at the time of 13 14 the commission of the offense, the court, at the sentencing hearing conducted under Section 5-4-1, shall consider the 15 16 following additional factors in mitigation in determining the 17 appropriate sentence:

(1) the person's age, impetuosity, and level of maturity at the time of the offense, including the ability to consider risks and consequences of behavior, and the presence of cognitive or developmental disability, or both, if any;

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(2) whether the person was subjected to outside

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pressure, including peer pressure, familial pressure, or negative influences;

3 (3) the person's family, home environment, educational
4 and social background, including any history of parental
5 neglect, physical abuse, or other childhood trauma;

6 (4) the person's potential for rehabilitation or 7 evidence of rehabilitation, or both;

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(5) the circumstances of the offense;

9 (6) the person's degree of participation and specific 10 role in the offense, including the level of planning by 11 the defendant before the offense;

12 (7) whether the person was able to meaningfully13 participate in his or her defense;

14 (8) the person's prior juvenile or criminal history; 15 and

(9) any other information the court finds relevant and reliable, including an expression of remorse, if appropriate. However, if the person, on advice of counsel chooses not to make a statement, the court shall not consider a lack of an expression of remorse as an aggravating factor.

22 <u>(a-5) On or after the effective date of this amendatory</u> 23 <u>Act of the 102nd General Assembly, when a person commits an</u> 24 <u>offense and the person is under 21 years of age at the time of</u> 25 <u>the commission of the offense, the court, at the sentencing</u> 26 <u>hearing conducted under Section 5-4-1, shall consider the</u>

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1 <u>chooses not to make a statement, the court shall not</u>
2 <u>consider a lack of an expression of remorse as an</u>
3 aggravating factor.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the court may 4 5 sentence the defendant to any disposition authorized for the class of the offense of which he or she was found quilty as 6 7 described in Article 4.5 of this Code, and may, in its 8 discretion, decline to impose any otherwise applicable 9 sentencing enhancement based upon firearm possession, 10 possession with personal discharge, or possession with 11 personal discharge that proximately causes great bodily harm, 12 permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or death to 13 another person.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the 14 defendant is under 18 at the time of the commission of the 15 16 offense and convicted of first degree murder and would 17 otherwise be subject to sentencing under clause (iii), (iv), (v), or (vii) of subparagraph (c) of paragraph (1) of 18 subsection (a) of Section 5-8-1 of this Code based on the 19 20 category of persons identified therein, the court shall impose a sentence of not less than 40 years of imprisonment. In 21 22 addition, the court may, in its discretion, decline to impose 23 the sentencing enhancements based upon the possession or use of a firearm during the commission of the offense included in 24 25 subsection (d) of Section 5-8-1.

26 (Source: P.A. 99-69, eff. 1-1-16; 99-258, eff. 1-1-16; 99-875,

1 eff. 1-1-17.)