



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB1265

Introduced 1/31/2023, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-105

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that, except for certain convictions for first degree murder, the court may, in its discretion, sentence a defendant who was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense to a sentence that is less than the applicable minimum determinate sentence of imprisonment for the offense authorized by the Code.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

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

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

7 Sec. 5-4.5-105. SENTENCING OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF  
8 18 AT THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE.

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

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

21 (2) whether the person was subjected to outside  
22 pressure, including peer pressure, familial pressure, or  
23 negative influences;

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

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

6 (5) the circumstances of the offense;

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

10 (7) whether the person was able to meaningfully  
11 participate in his or her defense;

12 (8) the person's prior juvenile or criminal history;  
13 and

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

20 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the court may  
21 sentence the defendant to any disposition authorized for the  
22 class of the offense of which he or she was found guilty as  
23 described in Article 4.5 of this Code, and may, in its  
24 discretion, decline to impose any otherwise applicable  
25 sentencing enhancement based upon firearm possession,  
26 possession with personal discharge, or possession with

1 personal discharge that proximately causes great bodily harm,  
2 permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or death to  
3 another person.

4 (b-5) Except as provided in subsection (c), the court may,  
5 in its discretion, sentence a defendant who was under 18 years  
6 of age at the time of the commission of the offense to a  
7 sentence that is less than the applicable minimum determinate  
8 sentence of imprisonment for the offense authorized by this  
9 Code.

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

21 (Source: P.A. 99-69, eff. 1-1-16; 99-258, eff. 1-1-16; 99-875,  
22 eff. 1-1-17.)