

HB 2551 -- CERTIFICATION HEARINGS FOR JUVENILES

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Currently, a child between the ages of 12 and 18 may be certified for trial as an adult after a hearing, if requested by the court, the juvenile officer, or the child's custodian. This bill changes the ages to between 14 and 18 years old.

Additionally, under current law, a court is required to hold a hearing to determine whether a child should be certified for trial as an adult if the child commits certain offenses. This bill clarifies that such mandatory certification hearings apply to children between the ages of 12 and 18.