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BROWNLEE, SCHREIBER, STURLA, BISHOP, C. PARKER, V. BROWN AND
COHEN, APRIL 6, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 6, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of
3 offenders, providing for reduction of sentence for certain
4 minors.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1111. Reduction of sentence for minors.

10 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
11 this chapter to the contrary, an individual who was under 18
12 years of age when he committed a crime for which he was
13 sentenced to serve a minimum term of imprisonment of no less
14 than ten years or who was sentenced to life imprisonment without
15 parole eligibility is subject to the jurisdiction of the
16 sentencing court for reduction of the sentence.

17 (b) Factors to be considered.--In determining whether to
18 reduce the sentence under this section, the sentencing court

1 shall consider the following factors:

2 (1) The individual's age and level of maturity at the
3 time of the offense.

4 (2) The individual's degree of participation in the
5 offense.

6 (3) The nature of the offense.

7 (4) The severity of the offense.

8 (5) The individual's prior juvenile or criminal history.

9 (6) The likelihood of the individual to commit further
10 offenses.

11 (7) Other information considered relevant by the
12 sentencing court.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.