

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 124  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, all offenses under the law regulating employment harmful to children, including repeat offenses, are Class A misdemeanors, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$4,000.

H.B. 124 increases the penalty for any subsequent violations of these provisions to a felony in the third degree.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 124 amends the Penal Code to enhance the penalty for a subsequent conviction for the offense of employment harmful to children from a Class A misdemeanor to a third-degree felony.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.