
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5261 (as amended by House "B" and "D")*

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ENERGY DRINKS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

*House Amendment "B" strikes the underlying bill, which generally would have prohibited the sale of energy drinks to children under age 16, and replaces it with provisions that (1) establish a working group to study the (a) medical risks associated with children consuming energy drinks and (b) anticipated effects of a prohibition on the sale of energy drinks to children, public health, and the state-wide sale of energy drinks; (2) require the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to develop signage alerting consumers to the risks associated with children consuming energy drinks and retailers to post it; (3) require the Department of Public Health to develop a one-page document explaining the medical risks associated with children consuming energy drinks; and (4) change the bill's effective date.

*House Amendment "D" increases the working group's membership by adding the Public Health Committee's chairpersons and ranking members, the DCP commissioner, and a licensed athletic trainer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/05/2024)