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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 20, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2001

HB 2001 creates the crime of sexual extortion.

This new crime is communicating a threat to injure the property or reputation of another person, a threat to commit violence against a person, or a threat to distribute an image or video of a person of a sexual nature or in a state of nudity either (1) with the intent to coerce the person to engage in sexual contact or produce a sexual image, which is a severity level 7, person felony or (2) that causes the person to engage in sexual contact or produce a sexual image, which is a severity level 4, person felony.

The bill also provides that a person who commits this crime where one party is less than 18 years of age would be required to register as a sex offender for 15 years.

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