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## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 3

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign  
2           to the appropriate committee the topic of raising the age of consent  
3           from 16 to 18 years of age.

4           *Whereas, The age of consent is the age at or above which*  
5           *a person is considered to have the legal capacity to consent*  
6           *to sexual activity;*

7           *Whereas, The age of consent in Indiana is 16 years of age;*

8           *Whereas, It is presumed that before 16 years of age*  
9           *children are not capable legally of consenting to sexual*  
10          *activity;*

11          *Whereas, It is undeniably true that children form a special*  
12          *and vulnerable group in our society;*

13          *Whereas, Below a certain minimum age, children are at*  
14          *risk of not having the physiological, biological, and*  
15          *emotional development to cope with sex and the many*  
16          *possible consequences of having sex; and*

17          *Whereas, The decisions our young people make can affect*  
18          *the rest of their lives; it behooves the state of Indiana to*  
19          *ensure that they are old enough to make the correct decision:*  
20          *Therefore,*



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*Be it resolved by the Senate  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

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SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate committee the topic of raising the age of consent to 18 years of age.

