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To amend title 18 of the United States Code to penalize the rape of minors
in Federal prisons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 1997

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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the rape of minors in Federal prisons.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Juvenile Rape in Pris-
5 on Protection Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. JUVENILE RAPE IN PRISON.**

7 Section 2241(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Whoever”;

10 (2) by striking “(1)” and inserting “(A)”;

1 (3) by striking “(2)” and inserting “(B)”; and

2 (4) by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 “(2) Whoever, having attained the age of 21 years,
4 violates paragraph (1) of this subsection or subsection (b)
5 in a Federal prison shall, except in the case of an attempt,
6 if the victim has not attained the age of 18 years, be im-
7 prisoned for life.

8 “(3) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution
9 under paragraph (2) of this subsection, which the defend-
10 ant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence,
11 that the defendant reasonably believed that the victim had
12 attained the age of 18 years.”.

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