

(3) (c) By the July 1 before a district certifies the first levy pursuant to this subdivision for the local share of any construction project, at least three weeks published notice of the proposed levy shall be given in the legal newspaper with the largest circulation in the district. The notice shall state the purpose of the proposed levy, the duration of the proposed levy and the amount of the proposed levy in dollars and mills. Upon petition within 20 days after the notice of the greater of (a) 50 voters, or (b) 15 percent of the number of voters who voted in the district at the most recent regular school board election, the board shall call a referendum on the proposed levy. The referendum shall be held on a date set by the school board, but no later than the August 20 before the levy is certified. The question on the ballot shall state the amount of the proposed levy in mills on the district's adjusted assessed valuation and in dollars in the first year of the proposed levy.

(4) (f) For the purposes of this subdivision, "construction" includes the acquisition and betterment of land, buildings and capital improvements for post-secondary area vocational technical institutes.

(5) (g) A district may not levy for the cost of a construction project pursuant to ~~the~~ this subdivision if it issues any bonds to finance any costs of the project.

Sec. 18. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved April 17, 1985

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**CHAPTER 24 — S.F.No. 177**

*An act relating to crime; allowing the admission of certain out-of-court statements of mentally impaired persons; defining "mentally impaired"; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 260.156; 595.02, subdivision 3; 609.341, subdivisions 6 and 11; 609.342; 609.343; 609.344; and 609.345.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 260.156, is amended to read:  
260.156 **CERTAIN OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS ADMISSIBLE.**

An out-of-court statement made by a child under the age of ten years, or a child over the age of ten years who is mentally impaired, as defined under section 609.341, subdivision 6, alleging, explaining, denying, or describing any act of sexual contact or penetration performed with or on the child by another, not otherwise admissible by statute or rule of evidence, is admissible in evidence in

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any dependency or neglect proceeding or any proceeding for termination of parental rights if:

(a) The court finds that the time, content, and circumstances of the statement and the reliability of the person to whom the statement is made provide sufficient indicia of reliability; and

(b) The proponent of the statement notifies other parties of his intention to offer the statement and the particulars of the statement sufficiently in advance of the proceeding at which he intends to offer the statement into evidence, to provide the parties with a fair opportunity to meet the statement.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 595.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **CERTAIN OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS ADMISSIBLE.** An out-of-court statement made by a child under the age of ten years or a person who is mentally impaired as defined in section 609.341, subdivision 6, alleging, explaining, denying, or describing any act of sexual contact or penetration performed with or on the child or the person who is mentally impaired by another, not otherwise admissible by statute or rule of evidence, is admissible in evidence if:

(a) the court or person authorized to receive evidence finds, in a hearing conducted outside of the presence of the jury, that the time, content, and circumstances of the statement and the reliability of the person to whom the statement is made provide sufficient indicia of reliability; and

(b) the child or person mentally impaired as defined in section 609.341, subdivision 6, either:

(i) testifies at the proceedings; or

(ii) is unavailable as a witness and there is corroborative evidence of the act; and

(c) the proponent of the statement notifies the adverse party of his intention to offer the statement and the particulars of the statement sufficiently in advance of the proceeding at which he intends to offer the statement into evidence to provide the adverse party with a fair opportunity to prepare to meet the statement.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 609.341, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. "Mentally defective impaired" means that a person ~~suffers from a mental disease or defect which renders that person temporarily or permanently incapable of appraising the nature of his conduct, as a result of inadequately developed or impaired intelligence or a substantial psychiatric disorder of thought~~

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or mood, lacks the judgment to give a reasoned consent to sexual contact or to sexual penetration.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 609.341, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. "Sexual contact" includes any of the following acts committed without the complainant's consent, for the purpose of satisfying the actor's sexual or aggressive impulses, except in those cases where consent is not a defense:

(i) The intentional touching by the actor of the complainant's intimate parts, or

(ii) The touching by the complainant of the actor's, the complainant's, or another's intimate parts effected by coercion or the use of a position of authority, or by inducement if the complainant is under 13 years of age or mentally defective impaired, or

(iii) The touching by another of the complainant's intimate parts effected by coercion or the use of a position of authority, or

(iv) In any of the cases above, of the clothing covering the immediate area of the intimate parts.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 609.342, is amended to read:

**609.342 CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT IN THE FIRST DEGREE.**

A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$35,000, or both, if he engages in sexual penetration with another person and if any of the following circumstances exists:

(a) The complainant is under 13 years of age and the actor is more than 36 months older than the complainant. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age nor consent to the act by the complainant is a defense; or

(b) The complainant is at least 13 but less than 16 years of age and the actor is more than 48 months older than the complainant and in a position of authority over the complainant, and uses this authority to cause the complainant to submit. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age nor consent to the act by the complainant is a defense; or

(c) Circumstances existing at the time of the act cause the complainant to have a reasonable fear of imminent great bodily harm to the complainant or another; or

(d) The actor is armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the complainant to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon and uses or threatens to use the weapon or article to cause the complainant to submit; or

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(e) The actor causes personal injury to the complainant, and either of the following circumstances exist:

(i) The actor uses force or coercion to accomplish sexual penetration; or

(ii) The actor knows or has reason to know that the complainant is mentally ~~defective~~ impaired, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless; or

(f) The actor is aided or abetted by one or more accomplices within the meaning of section 609.05, and either of the following circumstances exists:

(i) An accomplice uses force or coercion to cause the complainant to submit; or

(ii) An accomplice is armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the complainant reasonably to believe it to be a dangerous weapon and uses or threatens to use the weapon or article to cause the complainant to submit.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 609.343, is amended to read:

609.343 **CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT IN THE SECOND DEGREE.**

A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 15 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$30,000, or both, if he engages in sexual contact with another person and if any of the following circumstances exists:

(a) The complainant is under 13 years of age and the actor is more than 36 months older than the complainant. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age nor consent to the act by the complainant is a defense. In a prosecution under this clause, the state is not required to prove that the sexual contact was coerced; or

(b) The complainant is at least 13 but less than 16 years of age and the actor is more than 48 months older than the complainant and in a position of authority over the complainant, and uses this authority to cause the complainant to submit. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age nor consent to the act by the complainant is a defense; or

(c) Circumstances existing at the time of the act cause the complainant to have a reasonable fear of imminent great bodily harm to the complainant or another; or

(d) The actor is armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the complainant to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon and uses or threatens to use the dangerous weapon to cause the complainant to submit; or

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(e) The actor causes personal injury to the complainant, and either of the following circumstances exist:

- (i) The actor uses force or coercion to accomplish the sexual contact; or
- (ii) The actor knows or has reason to know that the complainant is mentally ~~defective~~ impaired, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless; or

(f) The actor is aided or abetted by one or more accomplices within the meaning of section 609.05, and either of the following circumstances exists:

- (i) An accomplice uses force or coercion to cause the complainant to submit; or
- (ii) An accomplice is armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the complainant to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon and uses or threatens to use the weapon or article to cause the complainant to submit.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 609.344, is amended to read:

**609.344 CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT IN THE THIRD DEGREE.**

A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ten years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both, if he engages in sexual penetration with another person and any of the following circumstances exists:

(a) The complainant is under 13 years of age and the actor is no more than 36 months older than the complainant. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age nor consent to the act by the complainant shall be a defense; or

(b) The complainant is at least 13 but less than 16 years of age and the actor is more than 24 months older than the complainant. In any such case it shall be an affirmative defense, which must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence, that the actor believes the complainant to be 16 years of age or older. If the actor in such a case is no more than 48 months but more than 24 months older than the complainant, he may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years. Consent by the complainant is not a defense; or

(c) The actor uses force or coercion to accomplish the penetration; or

(d) The actor knows or has reason to know that the complainant is mentally ~~defective~~ impaired, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless; or

(e) The complainant is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age and the actor is more than 48 months older than the complainant and in a position of authority over the complainant, and uses this authority to cause the complainant

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to submit. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age nor consent to the act by the complainant is a defense.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 609.345, is amended to read:

**609.345 CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT IN THE FOURTH DEGREE.**

A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if he engages in sexual contact with another person and if any of the following circumstances exists:

(a) The complainant is under 13 years of age and the actor is no more than 36 months older than the complainant. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age or consent to the act by the complainant is a defense. In a prosecution under this clause, the state is not required to prove that the sexual contact was coerced; or

(b) The complainant is at least 13 but less than 16 years of age and the actor is more than 48 months older than the complainant or in a position of authority over the complainant and uses this authority to cause the complainant to submit. In any such case, it shall be an affirmative defense which must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the actor believes the complainant to be 16 years of age or older; or

(c) The actor uses force or coercion to accomplish the sexual contact; or

(d) The actor knows or has reason to know that the complainant is mentally defective impaired, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless; or

(e) The complainant is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age and the actor is more than 48 months older than the complainant and in a position of authority over the complainant, and uses this authority to cause the complainant to submit. Neither mistake as to the complainant's age nor consent to the act by the complainant is a defense.

**Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 8 are effective August 1, 1985, and apply to crimes committed on or after that date.

Approved April 19, 1985

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**CHAPTER 25 — S.F.No. 635**

*An act relating to advertising devices; allowing "star city" signs on interstate highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 173.02, subdivisions 2 and 6; and 173.13, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 173.*

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