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## CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: WD

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Aronberg) recommended the following amendment to amendment (330518):

## Senate Amendment

Delete line(s) 7-19

and insert:

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(d) "Mental injury" means injury to the intellectual or psychological capacity of a child as evidenced by a discernible and substantial impairment in the ability of the child to function within the normal range of performance and behavior as supported by expert testimony. A person may not give expert testimony regarding mental injury unless that person is a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, boardcertified in psychiatry, or a psychologist licensed under chapter 490, and, during the 3 years immediately preceding the date of the alleged injury, has devoted professional time to the active clinical practice of, or consulting with respect to, a specialty



18 that includes the evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment of the 19 condition that is the subject of the offense.