

Child Sex Crime Victims Protection Act

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a child is convicted as an adult for an offense that the child committed when he or she was less than 18 years of age, and the court subsequently finds that the person against whom the child is convicted of committing the offense against, trafficked the child as defined by subsection **[insert criminal code section]**, sexually abused the child as defined by subsection **[insert criminal code section]**, or sexually assaulted the child as defined by subsection **[insert criminal code section]** prior to the commission of the offense, the court may, in its discretion:

- (1)** Depart from any mandatory minimum sentence, maximum sentence, or sentencing enhancement;
- (2)** Suspend any portion of an otherwise applicable sentence; or
- (3)** Transfer the child back to the jurisdiction of the juvenile or family court for proper adjudication.

(b) This section shall be construed as prioritizing the successful treatment and rehabilitation of child sex crime victims who commit acts of violence against their abusers. It is the legislature's preference that these children be viewed as victims and provided treatment and services.