Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 2098

By: Representative Borhauer

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE PENALTIES FOR DRIVING WHILE
INTOXICATED WITH A PERSON UNDER SIXTEEN (16)
YEARS OF AGE IN THE VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-65-111 is amended to read as follows:
5-65-111. Prison terms - Exception.
(a)(1) Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, violating § 5-65-103, for a first offense, may be imprisoned for no less than twenty-four (24) hours and no more than one (1) year, except that the court may order public service in lieu of jail, and in that instance, the court shall include the reasons therefor in its written order or judgment.
(2) However, if a passenger under sixteen (16) years of age was in the vehicle at the time of the offense, a person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, violating § 5-65-103, for a first offense, may be imprisoned for no fewer than seven (7) days and no more than one (1) year, except that the court may order public service in lieu of jail, and in that instance, the court shall include the reasons therefor in its
written order or judgment.
(b) Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, violating § 5-65-103 or any other equivalent penal law of another state or foreign jurisdiction shall be imprisoned or shall be ordered to perform public service in lieu of jail as follows:
(1)(A) For no fewer than seven (7) days but no more than one (1) year for the second offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or no fewer than thirty (30) days of community service.
(B) (i) However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of age was in the vehicle at the time of the offense, for no fewer than thirty (30) days but no more than one (1) year for the second offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or no fewer than sixty (60) days of community service.
(ii) If the court orders community service, the court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order of community service;
(2) (A) For no fewer than ninety (90) days but no more than one (1) year for the third offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or no fewer than ninety (90) days of community service.
(B) (i) However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of age was in the vehicle at the time of the offense, for no fewer than one hundred twenty days (120) days but no more than one (l) year for the third offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or no fewer than one hundred twenty (120) days of community service.
(ii) If the court orders community service, the court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order of community service;
(3) (A) For at least one (1) year but no more than six (6) years for the fourth offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or not less than one (l) year of community service and shall be guilty of a felony.
(B)(i) However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of age was in the vehicle at the time of the offense, for at least two (2) years but no more than six (6) years for the fourth offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or not less than two (2) years of community service and shall be guilty of a felony.
(ii) If the court orders community service, the court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order of community service; and
(4)(A)(i) For at least two (2) years but no more than ten (10) years for the fifth or subsequent offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or not less than two (2) years of community service and shall be guilty of a felony.
(ii) If the court orders community service, the court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order of community service.
(B) (i) However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of age was in the vehicle at the time of the offense, for at least three (3) years but no more than ten (10) years for the fifth offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or not less than three (3) years of community service and shall be guilty of a felony.
(ii) If the court orders community service, the court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order of community service.
(c) For all arrests or offenses occurring before July 30, 1999

September 1, 2005, but which have not reached a final disposition as to judgment in court, the offenses shall be decided under the law in effect at the time the offense occurred, and any defendant shall be subject to the penalty provisions in effect at that time and not under the provisions of this section.
(d) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under subdivisions (a)(2), (b)(1)(B), (b)(2)(B), (b)(3)(B), and (b)(4)(B) of this section that the person operating or in actual physical control of the motor vehicle was not more than two (2) years older than the passenger.

