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1 AN ACT Relating to the penalty for rapists of children under age
2 twelve; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; creating a new
3 section; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that rape of a
6 child in the first degree, particularly when the child is under twelve
7 years of age, is one of the most offensive and outrageous crimes in our
8 society. The emotional damage to the victims of this crime, and to the
9 families and friends of the victims, is not only of the most severe
10 nature, but is also everlasting.

11 The legislature finds that persons who commit this offense have a
12 high probability of reoffending and that public safety will best be
13 served by imposing a sentence of extreme length.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Every person eighteen years of age or older who commits rape of a
4 child in the first degree upon a victim who is under twelve years of
5 age shall be sentenced to not less than ninety-nine years of total
6 confinement in the state penitentiary.