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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Bars sex offenders from jobs which primarily consist of contact with children.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning prohibitions on the acts of certain sex offenders
2 and supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. As used in this act:

8 "Primarily consists of contact with children" means 80 percent or
9 more of the actual or official duties or responsibilities include
10 contact with a child.

11 "Sex offender" means a person who has been convicted,
12 adjudicated delinquent or found not guilty by reason of insanity for
13 commission of a sex offense as defined in subsection b. of section 2
14 of P.L.1994, c.133 (C.2C:7-2).

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16 2. a. It shall be a crime of the third degree for a sex offender
17 to hold a job which primarily consists of contact with children.

18 b. It shall be a crime of the third degree to knowingly hire a sex
19 offender for a job which primarily consists of contact with children.

20 c. The provisions of this act shall not apply to participation by
21 a sex offender under 18 years of age in a job which provides
22 rehabilitative or other services to juvenile sex offenders.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill is intended to protect the children and youth of this
30 State by prohibiting sex offenders from holding jobs which
31 primarily consist of contact with children.

32 The bill defines a "primarily consists of contact with children" as
33 a job where 80 percent or more of the actual or official duties or
34 responsibilities include contact with a child.

35 "Sex offender" is defined as a person who has been convicted,
36 adjudicated delinquent or found not guilty by reason of insanity for
37 committing a broad range of sexual offenses as defined in the sex
38 offender registration law (Megan's Law).

39 Under the bill, it would be crime of the third degree for a sex
40 offender to hold a job which primarily consists of contact with
41 children. It would also be a crime of the third degree for a person
42 to knowingly hire a sex offender for a job which primarily consists
43 of contact with children.

44 A crime of the third degree carries a penalty of three to five
45 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.