

SENATE, No. 1593

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits sex offenders from holding any job, position, or type of employment that primarily consists of contact with children.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT regulating the employment of sex offenders in certain cases
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) and whose risk of re-offense has
15 been assessed as moderate or high pursuant to section 3 of
16 P.L.1994, c.128 (C.2C:7-8).

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18 2. a. It shall be a crime of the third degree for a sex offender
19 to accept any appointment, enter into any contract for, participate
20 in, or serve in any job, position, situation, or employment of any
21 type that primarily consists of contact with children.

22 b. The provisions of this act shall not apply to participation by a
23 sex offender under 18 years of age in any job, position, situation, or
24 employment which provides rehabilitative or other services to
25 juvenile sex offenders.

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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill is intended to protect the children and youth of this
33 State by prohibiting moderate and high risk sex offenders from
34 holding any job, position, or type of employment which primarily
35 consists of contact with children.

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

39 "Sex offender" is defined as a person who has been convicted,
40 adjudicated delinquent or found not guilty by reason of insanity for
41 committing any of a broad range of sex offenses as defined in the
42 sex offender registration law ("Megan's Law") and whose risk of
43 committing another sex offense is deemed moderate or high based
44 on the guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General.

45 Under the bill, it would be crime of the third degree for a
46 moderate or high risk sex offender to accept any appointment, enter

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1 into any contract for, participate in, or serve in any job, position,
2 situation, or employment of any type that primarily consists of
3 contact with children.

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