

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 47

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Directs AG to investigate whether pedophile organizations use the internet to encourage sex offenders to violate State law.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** directing the Attorney General to investigate
2 whether pedophile organizations use the internet to encourage
3 sex offenders to violate State law.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The internet is currently being used as a forum for
6 pedophile organizations to promote the legalization of consensual
7 sexual relationships between adults and minors, particularly men
8 and boys; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Such organizations advance this agenda by maintaining
10 web sites that actively recruit pedophiles to enroll as members; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Use of the internet and other electronic means play a
12 growing role in sex crimes committed against the youth, including
13 the establishment of illegal sexual relationships between adults and
14 minors; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The sexual victimization of children is overwhelming in
16 magnitude yet often undetected, and statistics show that one in five
17 girls and one in ten boys are sexually exploited before they reach
18 adulthood, yet less than 35% of those sexual assaults are reported to
19 authorities; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey has enacted laws that establish the
21 age at which an individual is legally competent to give consent to
22 sexual intercourse, with the purpose of protecting children or
23 minors from being sexually exploited by adults; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Necessary precautions should be taken to ensure that
25 pedophile organizations promoting an agenda to legalize consensual
26 sexual relationships between adults and minors, are unable to use
27 the internet as a means of influencing or encouraging sexual
28 predators to violate the laws of this State; now, therefore,

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30 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
31 *State of New Jersey:*

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33 1. The Attorney General of the State of New Jersey is directed
34 to investigate whether pedophile organizations, particularly
35 organizations that promote the legalization of consensual sexual
36 relationships between adults and minors, use the internet to
37 encourage sex offenders to violate State law.

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39 2. The Attorney General shall report the results of the
40 investigation to the Governor and the Legislature no later than one
41 year following the effective date of this resolution.

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43 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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48 This joint resolution requires the Attorney General to undertake
49 an investigation to determine whether certain pedophile

1 organizations use the internet to encourage sex offenders to engage
2 in sexual relationships that violate the laws of New Jersey. The
3 internet is being used as a forum for pedophile organizations that
4 actively recruit members, and promote the abolition of all age-of-
5 consent laws. These organizations advocate the legalization of
6 consensual sexual relationships between adults and minors,
7 particularly men and boys. Age-of-consent laws, however, are
8 necessary to prevent sexual abuse, and to protect children from
9 being sexually exploited by adults.

10 Unfortunately, modes of electronic communication, such as the
11 internet, play a significant role in sex crimes committed against
12 children. Necessary precautions should be taken to ensure that
13 pedophile organizations are not using the internet to encourage
14 sexual predators to violate the laws of this State.