

Senate votes 38-0 to criminalize child grooming behavior

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FRANKFORT – Legislation that would establish the offense of grooming a minor for sexual activity or other prohibited behavior passed the Kentucky Senate by a unanimous vote on Thursday.

Under House Bill 4, sponsored by Rep. Marianne Proctor, R-Marianne, if someone is 18 or older and engages in grooming behavior

directed at a minor who is less than 14 years old; or being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, as those terms are defined in existing state law, he or she engages in grooming behavior directed at a minor who is under eighteen, they would violate the proposed law.

The first provision would be a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail, unless the



Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, R-Smithfield

minor is under 12, when it would qualify as a Class D felony, with a potential penalty of one to five years behind bars, if convicted.

The second provision, involving someone in a position of authority or special trust, grooming of

anyone under 18 would be a Class D Felony, unless the victim is under 12 which would be a Class C Felony, which carries a five to ten year prison sentence.

HB 4 was presented on the Senate floor by Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, R-Smithfield. She told her colleagues, "This legislation recognizes grooming for what it is: a calculated and deceptive process, in which a

predator intentionally builds a relationship with a vulnerable child, in order to gain trust, access, and ultimately exploit and abuse the victim."

She noted that grooming is not harmless and often leaves negative lasting harm in a victim's life. "HB 4 will strengthen our ability to intervene earlier, hold offenders accountable and better safeguard our children, their families and our

community."

Tichenor summed up her remarks by saying, "This bill draws a firm line, strengthens accountability and sends an unmistakable message to those who prey on children: They will face serious consequences under Kentucky law."

The bill was approved 38-0 and now returns to the House for their members to consider changes made in the Senate.

Ky. Senate approves cameras on school bus stop arms

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FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Senate has given approval to legislation that would allow the use of cameras on school bus stop arms, to catch those drivers who pass a bus with its red lights on while picking up or dropping off students.

House Bill 7 was presented by Sen. Greg Elkins, R-Winchester. He stated, "Ad we all know, a lot of times the most dangerous point of a child's day is when it lets go of its mother's hand and climbs aboard the school bus."

He explained why the bill is needed. "Data shows we have almost

1,300 school bus safety violations each day. It's an incredible number."

Under HB 7, the cameras would only activate when the stop arm is deployed.

"When a stop arm camera detects a violation," Elkins told his colleagues, "the violator would be sent a letter, a picture of the violation included, informed of the fine and told they have the option to appeal to district court."

The penalty is \$300 for the first violation and \$500 for each subsequent violation over a three-year period. If the fine is not contested or paid within 60 days, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet could suspend

the vehicle's registration.

The fines collected would go to the schools, which in turn would help them pay off what the expense of these cameras would be to install, which is thousands of dollars for each bus."

The bill also stipulates that recorded images related to a violation are considered private and would be accessible only by authorized personnel. They would also be erased after 30 days, unless the violation is contested.

The bill passed on a 37-1 vote, and now goes back to the House for members there to consider whether or not to agree to Senate changes.



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Bill targets drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses.

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made on credit, the purchaser shall pay a minimum deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in 30 days. If the sale is made on credit, the purchaser shall pay the required deposit at the time of sale and execute bond for the balance due bearing interest at the rate the Judgement bears from the

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