

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 58 by Senator Connick

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through
3 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

4 "R.S. 14:81(A)(1) and (C) and to enact R.S. 14:81(A)(3), relative to sexual offenses
5 affecting minors; to provide relative to the elements of indecent behavior with
6 juveniles; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 2

8 On page 1, delete lines 7 through 17 in their entirety and delete page 2 in its entirety and
9 insert the following:

10 "Section 1. R.S. 14:81(A)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11 14:81(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §81. Indecent behavior with juveniles

13 A. Indecent behavior with juveniles is the commission of any of the
14 following acts with the intention of arousing or gratifying the sexual desires of either
15 person:

16 (1) Any lewd or lascivious act upon the person or in the presence of any
17 child under the age of seventeen, where there is an age difference of greater than two
18 years between the two persons. Lack of knowledge of the child's age shall not be a
19 defense; ~~or,~~

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21 **(3) The grooming of a child under the age of seventeen, where the**
22 **offender is at least four years older than the child. Completion or attempt to**
23 **complete such act is not necessary to constitute grooming. Lack of knowledge**
24 **of the child's age shall not be a defense.**

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26 C. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the
27 following meanings:

28 **(1) "Grooming" shall mean the pursuit of an intimate relationship with**
29 **a child under the age of seventeen by means of seduction, emotional**
30 **manipulation, threats, promises, coercion, enticement, isolation, or extortion**
31 **with the specific intent to commit a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 against**
32 **the minor, whether aggravated or not.**

33 **(2) "~~textual~~ Textual, visual, written, or oral communication" means any**
34 **communication of any kind, whether electronic or otherwise, made through the use**
35 **of the United States mail, any private carrier, personal courier, computer online**
36 **service, ~~internet~~ internet service, local bulletin board service, ~~internet~~ internet chat**
37 **room, electronic mail, online messaging service, or personal delivery or contact.**

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