

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 58

2025 Regular Session

Connick

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Creates the crime of child grooming. (8/1/25)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete proposed law crime of child grooming and designation of this offense as a "sexual offense against a victim who is a minor".
3. Amend the present law (R.S. 14:81) offense of indecent behavior with juveniles to include the grooming of a child under the age of 17 as a circumstance for which an individual can be prosecuted under present law.
4. Define the term "grooming".

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SB 58 Reengrossed

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Present law (R.S. 14:81) provides for the crime of indecent behavior with juveniles and provides for penalties.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law (R.S. 14:81(A)) provides for circumstances that constitute indecent behavior with juveniles.

Proposed law retains present law and adds, as a circumstance, the grooming of a child under the age of 17 where the offender is at least four years older than the child. Further provides that completion or attempt to complete such act is not necessary to constitute grooming and lack of knowledge of the child's age shall not be a defense.

Proposed law defines the term "grooming".

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 14:81(A)(1) and (C); Adds R.S. 14:81(A)(3))