

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety and insert "R.S. 14:81(A)(1) and (C) and to enact R.S. 14:81(A)(3), relative to sexual offenses affecting minors; to provide relative to the elements of indecent behavior with juveniles; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

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

§81. Indecent behavior with juveniles

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

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

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

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C. For ~~the~~ purposes of this Section, **the following terms shall have the following meanings:**

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

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

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