

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHB 2198

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Forbidding juvenile sex offenders from attending the same school as their victims.

By House Committee on Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Ballasiotes, Campbell, Horn, Long, Wood, Appelwick, Ballard, Karahalios, Reams, Wineberry, Foreman, Kessler, Cooke, Dyer, Schoesler, Casada, B. Thomas, Carlson, Van Luven, Silver, Schmidt, Brumsickle, Brough, J. Kohl, King, Flemming, Roland, Kremen, Sheldon, Chandler, Eide, Johanson, Lisk, Sehlin and Springer).

House Committee on Corrections
Senate Committee on Law & Justice

Background: Nothing under current law prevents a released or paroled juvenile sex offender from attending the same school as his or her victim.

A juvenile is a sex offender if he or she has been found guilty of rape, rape of a child, child molestation, indecent liberties, incest or communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

Summary: After release or parole, a juvenile sex offender may not attend a school attended by his or her victim. This mandate pertains only to public elementary, middle and high schools.

Transportation and other costs related to the offender's change in schools must be paid by the offender's parents or guardians. When the Department of Social and Health Services releases a juvenile sex offender, the secretary must provide notice of the statute's requirements to the appropriate school board.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0
Senate	43	0

Effective: June 9, 1994