

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6408

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Restoring sex offender registration for nonfelony communication with a minor convictions.

Sponsors: Senators Costa, Hargrove, Long, Kline, Zarelli, Johnson, Rasmussen and Oke.

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections

Background: In 2001, the Legislature harmonized the definitions of sex offense in the criminal statute and the registration statute with regard to felony convictions. Certain gross misdemeanors also require registration. Communication with a minor for immoral purposes is a felony sex offense unless the person has no previous sex offense convictions, in which case it is a gross misdemeanor. Prior to the change, communication with a minor for immoral purposes required registration for gross misdemeanor convictions. Following the change, these violations were no longer included in the registration statute.

Summary: Sex offenders convicted of communication with a minor for immoral purposes must register, even if the conviction is a gross misdemeanor.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	0
House	96	0

Effective: March 12, 2002