

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6256

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Adding commercial sexual abuse of a minor to the list of criminal street gang-related offenses.

Sponsors: Senators Conway, Delvin, Roach, Chase, Kohl-Welles, Eide, Litzow, Fraser, Stevens, Pflug, Regala, Nelson, Keiser and Holmquist Newbry.

Senate Committee on Judiciary
House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Background: A criminal street gang-related offense is defined as any felony or misdemeanor offense, whether in this state or elsewhere, that is committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, or is committed with the intent to promote, further or assist in any criminal conduct by the gang, or is committed for one or more of the following reasons: (1) to gain admission, prestige, or promotion within the gang; (2) to increase or maintain the gang's size, membership, prestige, dominance, or control in a geographical area; (3) to exact revenge or retribution for the gang or any member of the gang; (4) to obstruct justice, or intimidate or eliminate any witness against the gang or a member of the gang; (5) to cause any benefit, aggrandizement, gain, profit, or other advantage for the gang, its reputation, influence, or membership; or (6) to provide the gang with any advantage in, or any control or dominance over any criminal market sector, including, but not limited to drugs, arson, trafficking in stolen property, promoting prostitution, human trafficking, or promoting pornography.

Summary: Promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor is added to the list of gang-related offenses that are committed to provide the gang with any advantage in or control or dominance over a market sector.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	97	0

Effective: June 7, 2012

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