
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5784

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators A. Smith and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to communicating with a minor for immoral purposes;
2 amending RCW 9.68A.090; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to clarify that the
5 offense of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes occurs
6 whenever a person communicates with a minor and such communication is
7 done for the sexual gratification of the perpetrator, or for purposes
8 which, if completed, would be a felony sex offense. It is further the
9 intent of the legislature to prohibit communications for the sexual
10 exploitation of minors and for the grooming of children to facilitate
11 sexual abuse.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.68A.090 and 1989 c 32 s 7 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 A person who communicates with a minor for immoral purposes is
15 guilty of a gross misdemeanor, unless that person has previously been
16 convicted under this section or of a felony (~~sexual~~) sex offense
17 (~~under chapter 9.68A, 9A.44, or 9A.64 RCW or of any other felony~~)

1 ~~sexual offense~~)) in this or any other state, in which case the person
2 is guilty of a class C felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

3 For purposes of this section, "immoral purposes" means:

4 (1) Any act which, if completed, would constitute a violation of
5 chapter 9.68A, 9A.44, 9A.64, or 9A.88 RCW; or

6 (2) Conduct which is done:

7 (a) For the sexual gratification of the perpetrator; and

8 (b) Under circumstances in which the minor is an element of the
9 sexual gratification of the perpetrator.

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