

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 675

Short Title: Indecent Liberties/Increase Penalty. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt; Apodaca, Berger of Rockingham, Blake, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, East, Forrester, Goodall, Jacumin, Pittenger, Smith, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Judiciary 1 (Civil).

March 13, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE OF TAKING INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH CHILDREN AND FOR THE OFFENSE OF TAKING INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A STUDENT WHEN THE OFFENDER IS A TEACHER, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, OR OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL AT LEAST FOUR YEARS OLDER THAN THE VICTIM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-202.1(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Taking indecent liberties with children is punishable as a ~~Class F felony.~~Class E felony."

SECTION 2. G.S. 14-202.4(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) If a defendant, who is a teacher, school administrator, student teacher, school safety officer, or coach, at any age, or who is other school personnel and is at least four years older than the victim, takes indecent liberties with a victim who is a student, at any time during or after the time the defendant and victim were present together in the same school but before the victim ceases to be a student, the defendant is guilty of a ~~Class I felony,~~Class G felony unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing for greater punishment. A person is not guilty of taking indecent liberties with a student if the person is lawfully married to the student."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.