

**An Act Restricting Sex Offenders from Residing Within a Certain Distance
from Schools and Child-Oriented Organizations**

HB

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General Summary of the Act

This bill prohibits sexual offenders and offenders against children from living within 1,000 feet of any school, child care facility, playground, park, child-oriented organization, or any place where minors regularly congregate.

Relevant Specifics of the Act

1 New Section; Registration of Criminal Offenders; Residency Restrictions. Amend RSA 651-B by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

651-B:5-a Residency Restrictions.

I. No person who is required to register under this chapter shall reside within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising any school, child care facility, playground, park, child-oriented organization, or any place where minors regularly congregate.

II. This section shall not apply to:

(a) An offender who is incarcerated at a state or county correctional facility or a juvenile facility, or who is involuntarily committed to any such facility.

(b) An offender required to register under this chapter who has established a residence prior to July 1, 2007.

(c) An offender who is already living at his or her residence at time when a new school, child care facility, park, playground, or child-oriented organization is proposed or built at a location that would otherwise be restricted under this section.

(d) The person is a minor or a ward under a guardianship.

2 New Paragraph; Registration of Criminal Offenders; Penalties. Amend RSA 651-B:9 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Any person required to be registered under this chapter who violates the provisions of RSA 651-B:5-a shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2008.

Current Status

2/7/07: Hearing before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee at 11:30am in LOB 204.