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To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the punishment for certain offenses committed in a school zone, and for other purposes.

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Mr. McCAUL (for himself, Mrs. LEE CARTER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. HUNT, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sheila Jackson Lee
5 Stop Human Trafficking in School Zones Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR HUMAN TRAF-**
7 **FICKING IN SCHOOL ZONES.**

8 Section 1591 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
2 section (f); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(e)(1) Whoever violates subsection (a) knowing, or
6 having reasonable cause to believe, that the violation is
7 committed against a minor who, at the time of the viola-
8 tion—

9 “(A) is enrolled in school and is—

10 “(i) within a school zone; or

11 “(ii) on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
12 on which a school-sponsored activity is taking
13 place; or

14 “(B) is enrolled in an institution of higher edu-
15 cation and is on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
16 owned by the institution of higher education,

17 shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise provided
18 under subsection (b), be imprisoned for not more than 5
19 years, which shall run consecutively to any term of impris-
20 onment imposed under such subsection (b).

21 “(2) In this subsection:

22 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
23 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
24 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
25 1001).

1 “(B) The term ‘minor’ means a person who has
2 not attained 18 years of age.

3 “(C) The terms ‘school’ and ‘school zone’ have
4 the meanings given those terms in section 921.

5 “(D) The term ‘school-sponsored activity’
6 means any activity that is produced, financed, ar-
7 ranged, supervised, or coordinated by a school or a
8 State educational agency or local educational agency
9 or is under the jurisdiction of a State educational
10 agency or local educational agency.

11 “(E) The terms ‘State educational agency’ and
12 ‘local educational agency’ have the meanings given
13 those terms under section 8101 of the Elementary
14 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.”.

15 **SEC. 3. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR COERCION AND EN-**
16 **TICEMENT IN SCHOOL ZONES.**

17 Section 2422 of title 18, United States Code, is
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(c)(1) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (b) know-
20 ing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that the viola-
21 tion is committed against a minor who, at the time of the
22 violation—

23 “(A) is enrolled in school and is—

24 “(i) within a school zone; or

1 “(ii) on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
2 on which a school-sponsored activity is taking
3 place; or

4 “(B) is enrolled in an institution of higher edu-
5 cation and is on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
6 owned by the institution of higher education,
7 shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise provided
8 under this section, be imprisoned for not more than 5
9 years, which shall run consecutively to any term of impris-
10 onment imposed under this section.

11 “(2) In this subsection:

12 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
13 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
14 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
15 1001).

16 “(B) The term ‘minor’ means a person who has
17 not attained 18 years of age.

18 “(C) The terms ‘school’ and ‘school zone’ have
19 the meanings given those terms in section 921.

20 “(D) The term ‘school-sponsored activity’
21 means any activity that is produced, financed, ar-
22 ranged, supervised, or coordinated by a school or a
23 State educational agency or local educational agency
24 or is under the jurisdiction of a State educational
25 agency or local educational agency.

1 “(E) The terms ‘State educational agency’ and
2 ‘local educational agency’ have the meanings given
3 those terms under section 8101 of the Elementary
4 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.”.

5 **SEC. 4. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR TRANSFER OF OB-**
6 **SCENE MATERIAL TO MINORS IN A SCHOOL**
7 **ZONE.**

8 Section 1470 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting
11 “(a)Whoever” ; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(b)(1) Whoever violates this section knowing, or
14 having reasonable cause to believe, that the violation is
15 committed against a minor who, at the time of the viola-
16 tion—

17 “(A) is enrolled in school and is—

18 “(i) within a school zone; or

19 “(ii) on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
20 on which a school-sponsored activity is taking
21 place; or

22 “(B) is enrolled in an institution of higher edu-
23 cation and is on or within 1,000 feet of a premises
24 owned by the institution of higher education,

1 shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise provided
2 under this section, be imprisoned for not more than 5
3 years, which shall run consecutively to any term of impris-
4 onment imposed under this section.

5 “(2) In this subsection:

6 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
7 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
8 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
9 1001).

10 “(B) The term ‘minor’ means a person who has
11 not attained 16 years of age.

12 “(C) The terms ‘school’ and ‘school zone’ have
13 the meanings given such terms in section 921.

14 “(D) The term ‘school-sponsored activity’
15 means any activity that is produced, financed, ar-
16 ranged, supervised, or coordinated by a school or a
17 State educational agency or local educational agency
18 or is under the jurisdiction of a State educational
19 agency or local educational agency.

20 “(E) The terms ‘State educational agency’ and
21 ‘local educational agency’ have the meanings given
22 those terms under section 8101 of the Elementary
23 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.”.

1 **SEC. 5. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR TRAFFICKING IN A**
2 **SCHOOL ZONE.**

3 Section 1590 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c)(1) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (b) know-
6 ing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that the viola-
7 tion is committed against a minor, who, at the time of
8 the violation—

9 “(A) is enrolled in school and is—

10 “(i) within a school zone; or

11 “(ii) on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
12 on which a school-sponsored activity is taking
13 place; or

14 “(B) is enrolled in an institution of higher edu-
15 cation and is on or within 1,000 feet of a premises
16 owned by the institution of higher education,
17 shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise pro-
18 vided under subsection (a), be imprisoned for not
19 more than 5 years, which shall run consecutively to
20 any term of imprisonment imposed under such sub-
21 section (a).

22 “(2) In this subsection:

23 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
24 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
25 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
26 1001).

1 “(B) The term ‘minor’ means a person who has
2 not attained 18 years of age.

3 “(C) The terms ‘school’ and ‘school zone’ have
4 the meanings given those terms in section 921.

5 “(D) The term ‘school-sponsored activity’
6 means any activity that is produced, financed, ar-
7 ranged, supervised, or coordinated by a school or a
8 State educational agency or local educational agency
9 or is under the jurisdiction of a State educational
10 agency or local educational agency.

11 “(E) The terms ‘State educational agency’ and
12 ‘local educational agency’ have the meanings given
13 those terms under section 8101 of the Elementary
14 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.”.

15 **SEC. 6. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR AGGRAVATED SEX-**
16 **UAL ABUSE IN A SCHOOL ZONE.**

17 Section 2241 of title 18, United States Code, is
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(e)(1) VIOLATION IN SCHOOL ZONE OR INSTITU-
20 TION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—Whoever violates sub-
21 section (c) knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe,
22 that the violation is committed against a minor, who, at
23 the time of the violation—

24 “(A) is enrolled in school and is—

25 “(i) within a school zone; or

1 “(ii) on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
2 on which a school-sponsored activity is taking
3 place; or

4 “(B) is enrolled in an institution of higher edu-
5 cation and is on or within 1,000 feet of a premises
6 owned by the institution of higher education,
7 shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise pro-
8 vided under such subsection (c), be imprisoned for
9 not more than 5 years, which shall run consecutively
10 to any term of imprisonment imposed under such
11 subsection (c).

12 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

13 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
14 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
15 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 1001).

17 “(B) The term ‘minor’ means a person who has
18 not attained 16 years of age.

19 “(C) The terms ‘school’ and ‘school zone’ have
20 the meanings given those terms in section 921.

21 “(D) The term ‘school-sponsored activity’
22 means any activity that is produced, financed, ar-
23 ranged, supervised, or coordinated by a school or a
24 State educational agency or local educational agency

1 or is under the jurisdiction of a State educational
2 agency or local educational agency.

3 “(E) The terms ‘State educational agency’ and
4 ‘local educational agency’ have the meanings given
5 those terms under section 8101 of the Elementary
6 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.”.

7 **SEC. 7. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR SEXUAL EXPLOI-**
8 **TATION OF CHILDREN IN A SCHOOL ZONE.**

9 Section 2251 of title 18, United States Code is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(f)(1) Whoever violates subsection (a) knowing, or
12 having reasonable cause to believe, that the violation is
13 committed against a minor, who, at the time of the viola-
14 tion—

15 “(A) is enrolled in school and is—

16 “(i) within a school zone; or

17 “(ii) on, or within 1,000 feet of, a premises
18 on which a school-sponsored activity is taking
19 place; or

20 “(B) is enrolled in an institution of higher edu-
21 cation and is on or within 1,000 feet of a premises
22 owned by the institution of higher education,
23 shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise pro-
24 vided under subsection (e), be imprisoned for not
25 more than 5 years, which shall run consecutively to

1 any term of imprisonment imposed under such sub-
2 section (e).

3 “(2) In this subsection:

4 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
5 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
6 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7 1001).

8 “(B) The term ‘minor’ means a person who has
9 not attained 18 years of age.

10 “(C) The terms ‘school’ and ‘school zone’ have
11 the meanings given those term in section 921.

12 “(D) The term ‘school-sponsored activity’
13 means any activity that is produced, financed, ar-
14 ranged, supervised, or coordinated by a school or a
15 State educational agency or local educational agency
16 or is under the jurisdiction of a State educational
17 agency or local educational agency.

18 “(E) The terms ‘State educational agency’ and
19 ‘local educational agency’ have the meanings given
20 those terms under section 8101 of the Elementary
21 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.”.

1 **SEC. 8. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION**
2 **OF MINORS TO AND FROM A SCHOOL ZONE**
3 **TO ENGAGE IN CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY.**

4 Section 2423 of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(j)(1) VIOLATION IN SCHOOL ZONE OR INSTITU-
7 TION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—Whoever violates sub-
8 section (a) by transporting a minor—

9 “(A) who is enrolled in school—

10 “(i) to or from any school; or

11 “(ii) to or from a premises on which a
12 school-sponsored activity is taking place; or

13 “(B) who is enrolled in an institution of higher
14 education, to or from a premises owned by the insti-
15 tution of higher education,

16 shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise pro-
17 vided under such subsection (a), be imprisoned for
18 not more than 5 years, which shall run consecutively
19 to any term of imprisonment imposed under such
20 subsection (a).

21 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

22 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
23 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
24 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
25 1001).

1 “(B) The term ‘minor’ means a person who has
2 not attained 18 years of age.

3 “(C) The terms ‘school’ and ‘school zone’ have
4 the meanings given those terms in section 921.

5 “(D) The term ‘school-sponsored activity’
6 means any activity that is produced, financed, ar-
7 ranged, supervised, or coordinated by a school or a
8 State educational agency or local educational agency
9 or is under the jurisdiction of a State educational
10 agency or local educational agency.

11 “(E) The terms ‘State educational agency’ and
12 ‘local educational agency’ have the meanings given
13 those terms under section 8101 of the Elementary
14 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.”

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