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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/11-9.4 720 ILCS 5/11-21

from Ch. 38, par. 11-21

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that it is unlawful for a child sex offender to approach or initiate any form of contact with any persons under 18 years of age on a public way. Provides that it is unlawful for a child sex offender to entice, coerce, or encourage any person under 18 years of age to enter or proceed to the entrance of any vehicles, structures, or other real property. Provides that it is a violation of the statute prohibiting the distribution of harmful materials to a child to believe (instead of have knowledge) that the person to whom the harmful materials are being distributed is a child under 18 years of age.

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CORRECTIONAL BUDGET AND IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

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Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing 5 Sections 11-9.4 and 11-21 as follows:

(720 ILCS 5/11-9.4) 6

7 Sec. 11-9.4. Approaching, contacting, residing, or communicating with a child within certain places by child sex 8 offenders prohibited. 9

(a) It is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly be 10 present in any public park building or on real property 11 comprising any public park when persons under the age of 18 are 12 present in the building or on the grounds and to approach, 13 14 contact, or communicate with a child under 18 years of age, 15 unless the offender is a parent or guardian of a person under 18 years of age present in the building or on the grounds. 16

17 (b) It is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly loiter on a public way within 500 feet of a public park 18 19 building or real property comprising any public park while persons under the age of 18 are present in the building or on 20 the grounds and to approach, contact, or communicate with a 21 22 child under 18 years of age, unless the offender is a parent or 23 guardian of a person under 18 years of age present in the 24 building or on the grounds.

25 (b-5) It is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly 26 reside within 500 feet of a playground or a facility providing programs or services exclusively directed toward persons under 27 28 18 years of age. Nothing in this subsection (b-5) prohibits a child sex offender from residing within 500 feet of a 29 30 playground or a facility providing programs or services exclusively directed toward persons under 18 years of age if 31 32 the property is owned by the child sex offender and was

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purchased before the effective date of this amendatory Act of
 the 91st General Assembly.

3 (b-6) It is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly 4 reside within 500 feet of the victim of the sex offense. 5 Nothing in this subsection (b-6) prohibits a child sex offender 6 from residing within 500 feet of the victim if the property in 7 which the child sex offender resides is owned by the child sex 8 offender and was purchased before the effective date of this 9 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

10 This subsection (b-6) does not apply if the victim of the 11 sex offense is 21 years of age or older.

12 (c) It is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly operate, manage, be employed by, volunteer at, be associated 13 with, or knowingly be present at any facility providing 14 programs or services exclusively directed towards persons 15 16 under the age of 18. This does not prohibit a child sex 17 offender from owning the real property upon which the programs or services are offered, provided the child sex offender 18 19 refrains from being present on the premises for the hours 20 during which the programs or services are being offered.

21 <u>(c-5) It is unlawful for a child sex offender to approach</u> 22 <u>or initiate any form of contact with any persons under 18 years</u> 23 <u>of age on a public way.</u>

24 <u>(c-6) It is unlawful for a child sex offender to entice,</u>
25 <u>coerce, or encourage any person under 18 years of age to enter</u>
26 <u>or proceed to the entrance of any vehicles, structures, or</u>
27 <u>other real property.</u>

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(d) Definitions. In this Section:

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(1) "Child sex offender" means any person who:

(i) has been charged under Illinois law, or any
substantially similar federal law or law of another
state, with a sex offense set forth in paragraph (2) of
this subsection (d) or the attempt to commit an
included sex offense, and:

35 (A) is convicted of such offense or an attempt
36 to commit such offense; or

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(B) is found not guilty by reason of insanity of such offense or an attempt to commit such offense; or

(C) is found not guilty by reason of insanity pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 of such offense or an attempt to commit such offense; or

(D) is the subject of a finding not resulting in an acquittal at a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for the alleged commission or attempted commission of such offense; or

14 (E) is found not guilty by reason of insanity 15 following a hearing conducted pursuant to a 16 federal law or the law of another state 17 substantially similar to subsection (c) of Section 18 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 of 19 such offense or of the attempted commission of such 20 offense; or

(F) is the subject of a finding not resulting in an acquittal at a hearing conducted pursuant to a federal law or the law of another state substantially similar to subsection (a) of Section 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for the alleged violation or attempted commission of such offense; or

(ii) is certified as a sexually dangerous person
pursuant to the Illinois Sexually Dangerous Persons
Act, or any substantially similar federal law or the
law of another state, when any conduct giving rise to
such certification is committed or attempted against a
person less than 18 years of age; or

34 (iii) is subject to the provisions of Section 2 of
35 the Interstate Agreements on Sexually Dangerous
36 Persons Act.

Convictions that result from or are connected with the same act, or result from offenses committed at the same time, shall be counted for the purpose of this Section as one conviction. Any conviction set aside pursuant to law is not a conviction for purposes of this Section.

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(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2.5),"sex offense" means:

(i) A violation of any of the following Sections of 8 9 the Criminal Code of 1961: 10-7 (aiding and abetting 10 child abduction under Section 10-5(b)(10)),11 10-5(b)(10) (child luring), 11-6 (indecent solicitation of child), 11-6.5 12 а (indecent solicitation of an adult), 11-9 (public indecency when 13 committed in a school, on the real property comprising 14 15 a school, on a conveyance owned, leased, or contracted 16 by a school to transport students to or from school or 17 a school related activity, or in a public park), 11-9.1 (sexual exploitation of a child), 11-15.1 (soliciting 18 for a juvenile prostitute), 11-17.1 (keeping a place of 19 20 juvenile prostitution), 11-18.1 (patronizing a juvenile prostitute), 11-19.1 (juvenile pimping), 21 11-19.2 (exploitation of a child), 11-20.1 (child 22 23 pornography), 11-21 (harmful material), 12-14.1 (predatory criminal sexual assault of a child), 12-33 24 (ritualized abuse of a child), 11-20 (obscenity) (when 25 26 that offense was committed in any school, on real 27 property comprising any school, on any conveyance 28 owned, leased, or contracted by a school to transport 29 students to or from school or a school related 30 activity, or in a public park). An attempt to commit 31 any of these offenses.

(ii) A violation of any of the following Sections
of the Criminal Code of 1961, when the victim is a
person under 18 years of age: 12-13 (criminal sexual
assault), 12-14 (aggravated criminal sexual assault),
12-15 (criminal sexual abuse), 12-16 (aggravated

1 criminal sexual abuse). An attempt to commit any of these offenses. 2 (iii) A violation of any of the following Sections 3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, when the victim is a 4 5 person under 18 years of age and the defendant is not a parent of the victim: 6 10-1 (kidnapping), 7 10-2 (aggravated kidnapping), 8 9 10-3 (unlawful restraint), 10 10-3.1 (aggravated unlawful restraint). 11 An attempt to commit any of these offenses. 12 (iv) A violation of any former law of this State substantially equivalent to any offense listed in 13 clause (2)(i) of this subsection (d). 14 (2.5) For the purposes of subsection (b-5) only, a sex 15 16 offense means: 17 (i) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961: 18 10-5(b)(10) (child luring), 10-7 (aiding and 19 20 abetting child abduction under Section 10-5(b)(10)), 11-6 (indecent solicitation of a 21 child), 11-6.5 (indecent solicitation of an 22 23 adult), 11-15.1 (soliciting for a juvenile prostitute), 11-17.1 (keeping a place of juvenile 24 25 prostitution), 11-18.1 (patronizing a juvenile prostitute), 11-19.1 (juvenile pimping), 11-19.2 26 (exploitation of a child), 11-20.1 (child 27 28 pornography), 12-14.1 (predatory criminal sexual 29 assault of a child), or 12-33 (ritualized abuse of 30 a child). An attempt to commit any of these offenses. 31 32 (ii) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961, when the victim is a 33 person under 18 years of age: 12-13 (criminal sexual 34 assault), 12-14 (aggravated criminal sexual assault), 35 12-16 (aggravated criminal sexual abuse), 36 and

1 subsection (a) of Section 12-15 (criminal sexual abuse). An attempt to commit any of these offenses. 2 3 (iii) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961, when the victim is a 4 5 person under 18 years of age and the defendant is not a parent of the victim: 6 10-1 (kidnapping), 7 10-2 (aggravated kidnapping), 8 9 10-3 (unlawful restraint), 10 10-3.1 (aggravated unlawful restraint). 11 An attempt to commit any of these offenses. 12 (iv) A violation of any former law of this State substantially equivalent to any offense listed in this 13 paragraph (2.5) of this subsection. 14 (3) A conviction for an offense of federal law or the 15 16 law of another state that is substantially equivalent to 17 any offense listed in paragraph (2) of this subsection (d) shall constitute a conviction for the purpose of this 18 Section. A finding or adjudication as a sexually dangerous 19 20 person under any federal law or law of another state that 21 is substantially equivalent to the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act shall constitute an adjudication for the 22 23 purposes of this Section.

(4) "Public park" includes a park, forest preserve, or
 conservation area under the jurisdiction of the State or a
 unit of local government.

(5) "Facility providing programs or services directed
towards persons under the age of 18" means any facility
providing programs or services exclusively directed
towards persons under the age of 18.

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(6) "Loiter" means:

32 (i) Standing, sitting idly, whether or not the
33 person is in a vehicle or remaining in or around public
34 park property.

35 (ii) Standing, sitting idly, whether or not the36 person is in a vehicle or remaining in or around public

1park property, for the purpose of committing or2attempting to commit a sex offense.

3 (7) "Playground" means a piece of land owned or 4 controlled by a unit of local government that is designated 5 by the unit of local government for use solely or primarily 6 for children's recreation.

7 (e) Sentence. A person who violates this Section is guilty8 of a Class 4 felony.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-458, eff. 1-1-00; 91-911, eff. 7-7-00; 92-828,
10 eff. 8-22-02.)

11 (720 ILCS 5/11-21) (from Ch. 38, par. 11-21)

12 Sec. 11-21. Harmful material.

13 (a) Elements of the Offense.

A person who, believing with knowledge that a person is a 14 15 child, that is a person under 18 years of age, or who fails to 16 exercise reasonable care in ascertaining the true age of a 17 child, knowingly distributes to, or sends, or causes to be sent 18 to, or exhibits to, or offers to distribute or exhibit any 19 harmful material to that person a child, is guilty of the offense of distribution of harmful material to a child $\frac{1}{2}$ 20 misdemeanor. 21

22 (b) Definitions.

(1) Material is harmful if, to the average person, applying 23 contemporary standards, its predominant appeal, taken as a 24 25 whole, is to prurient interest, that is a shameful or morbid 26 interest in nudity, sex, or excretion, which goes substantially 27 beyond customary limits of candor in description or 28 representation of such matters, and is material the redeeming 29 social importance of which is substantially less than its 30 prurient appeal.

31 (2) Material, as used in this Section means any writing,
 32 picture, record or other representation or embodiment.

33 (3) Distribute means to transfer possession of, whether34 with or without consideration.

35 (4) Knowingly, as used in this section means having

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1 knowledge of the contents of the subject matter, or recklessly
2 failing to exercise reasonable inspection which would have
3 disclosed the contents thereof.

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(c) Interpretation of Evidence.

5 The predominant appeal to prurient interest of the material 6 shall be judged with reference to average children of the same general age of the child to whom such material was offered, 7 8 distributed, sent or exhibited, unless it appears from the 9 nature of the matter or the circumstances of its dissemination, 10 distribution or exhibition that it is designed for specially 11 susceptible groups, in which case the predominant appeal of the 12 material shall be judged with reference to its intended or 13 probable recipient group.

In prosecutions under this section, where circumstances of 14 production, presentation, sale, dissemination, distribution, 15 16 or publicity indicate the material is being commercially 17 exploited for the sake of its prurient appeal, such evidence is probative with respect to the nature of the material and can 18 19 justify the conclusion that the redeeming social importance of 20 the material is in fact substantially less than its prurient 21 appeal.

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(d) Sentence.

Distribution of harmful material in violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent offense is a Class 4 felony. <u>If that person has utilized a</u> <u>computer web cam to send the harmful material, then each</u> <u>offense is a Class 4 felony.</u>

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(e) Affirmative Defenses.

(1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any public 29 30 library or any library operated by an accredited institution of 31 higher education from circulating harmful material to any 32 person under 18 years of age, provided such circulation is in aid of a legitimate scientific or educational purpose, and it 33 shall be an affirmative defense in any prosecution for a 34 35 violation of this section that the act charged was committed in 36 aid of legitimate scientific or educational purposes.

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1 2 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any parent from distributing to his child any harmful material.

3 (3) Proof that the defendant demanded, was shown and acted 4 in reliance upon any of the following documents as proof of the 5 age of a child, shall be a defense to any criminal prosecution 6 under this section: A document issued by the federal government or any state, county or municipal government or subdivision or 7 8 agency thereof, including, but not limited to, a motor vehicle 9 operator's license, a registration certificate issued under the Federal Selective Service Act or an identification card 10 11 issued to a member of the armed forces.

12 (4) In the event an advertisement of harmful material as defined in this section culminates in the sale or distribution 13 of such harmful material to a child, under circumstances where 14 15 there was no personal confrontation of the child by the 16 defendant, his employees or agents, as where the order or 17 request for such harmful material was transmitted by mail, telephone, or similar means of communication, and delivery of 18 19 such harmful material to the child was by mail, freight, or 20 similar means of transport, it shall be a defense in any prosecution for a violation of this section that 21 the 22 advertisement contained the following statement, or а 23 substantially similar thereto, that statement and the 24 defendant required the purchaser to certify that he was not under 18 years of age and that the purchaser falsely stated 25 26 that he was not under 18 years of age: "NOTICE: It is unlawful 27 for any person under 18 years of age to purchase the matter 28 herein advertised. Any person under 18 years of age who falsely 29 states that he is not under 18 years of age for the purpose of 30 obtaining the material advertised herein, is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor under the laws of the State of Illinois." 31

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(f) Child Falsifying Age.

Any person under 18 years of age who falsely states, either orally or in writing, that he is not under the age of 18 years, or who presents or offers to any person any evidence of age and identity which is false or not actually his own for the purpose

of ordering, obtaining, viewing, or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure or view any harmful material, is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

4 (Source: P.A. 77-2638.)