

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 HB5090

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/11-6

from Ch. 38, par. 11-6

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that a person who commits the offense of indecent solicitation of a child by the knowing use of a computer online service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission and misrepresents his or her age to the child or one whom he or she believes to be a child is guilty of a felony offense that is one class higher than the penalty for the same conduct committed without using a computer on-line service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing

 Section 11-6 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/11-6) (from Ch. 38, par. 11-6)
- 7 Sec. 11-6. Indecent solicitation of a child.
- (a) A person of the age of 17 years and upwards commits indecent solicitation of a child if the person, with the intent that the offense of aggravated criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse be committed, knowingly solicits a child or one whom he or she believes to be a child to perform an act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct as defined in Section 11-0.1 of this Code.
 - (a-5) A person of the age of 17 years and upwards commits indecent solicitation of a child if the person knowingly discusses an act of sexual conduct or sexual penetration with a child or with one whom he or she believes to be a child by means of the Internet with the intent that the offense of aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse be committed.
- (a-6) It is not a defense to subsection (a-5) that the

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- person did not solicit the child to perform sexual conduct or sexual penetration with the person. A person of the age of 17 years and upwards commits
 - indecent solicitation of a child if the person knowingly uses a computer online service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to violate subsection (a) of this Section and misrepresents his or her age to the child or one whom he or she believes to be a child.
- 10 (b) Definitions. As used in this Section:

"Solicit" means to command, authorize, urge, incite, request, or advise another to perform an act by any means including, but not limited to, in person, over the phone, in writing, by computer, or by advertisement of any kind.

"Computer", "online", and "Internet" have the meanings ascribed to them in Section 16-0.1 of this Code.

"Child" means a person under 17 years of age.

"Internet" has the meaning set forth in Section 16J-5 of this Code.

- "Sexual penetration" or "sexual conduct" are defined in Section 11-0.1 of this Code.
- 22 (c) Sentence. (1) Indecent solicitation of a child under subsection (a) is:
- 24 <u>(A) (1)</u> a Class 1 felony when the act, if done, would 25 be predatory criminal sexual assault of a child or 26 aggravated criminal sexual assault;

1	(B) (2) a Class 2 felony when the act, if done, would
2	be criminal sexual assault;
3	(C) (3) a Class 3 felony when the act, if done, would
4	be aggravated criminal sexual abuse.
5	Indecent solicitation of a child under subsection (a-5) is
6	a Class 4 felony.
7	(2) Indecent solicitation of a child under subsection (a-7)
8	<u>is:</u>
9	(A) a Class X felony when the act, if done, would be
10	predatory criminal sexual assault of a child or aggravated
11	<pre>criminal sexual assault;</pre>
12	(B) a Class 1 felony when the act, if done, would be
13	<pre>criminal sexual assault;</pre>
14	(C) a Class 2 felony when the act, if done, would be
15	aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-143, eff. 1-1-08; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)