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SB 21 - SUPPORT

Criminal Law - Person in a Position of Authority - Sexual Offenses With a Minor

Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Moon, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

This bill modifies Criminal Law §3-308 to broaden the definition of who qualifies as a person in a position of authority. There is no proper justification for restricting the definition of a person in a position of authority to employees of schools for the purpose of applying a three year maximum imprisonment sentence against sexual offenders who target minors. There are multiple different contexts where adults assume the role of person in a position of authority vis-a-vis minors. This law should apply to all of those contexts. Please vote for this bill.

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