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Delegate Lane, from the Committee of Conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for H.B. 2025**, Prohibiting certain sex offenders from loitering within one thousand feet of a school or child care facility,

Submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the amendment of the Senate to Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2025 having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the amendment of the Senate striking out everything following the enacting and inserting new language, and agree to the same as follows:

1           That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
2 section, designated §61-8-29; and that §62-12-26 of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read  
3 as follows:

4                                   **CHAPTER 61. CRIMES AND THEIR PUNISHMENT.**

5           **ARTICLE 8. CRIMES AGAINST CHASTITY, MORALITY AND DECENCY.**

6           **§61-8-29. Criminal loitering by persons on supervised release.**

7           (a) Any person serving a period of supervised release of ten years or more pursuant to the

1 provision of section twenty-six, article twelve, chapter sixty-two of this code who loiters within one  
2 thousand feet of the property line of the residence or workplace of a victim of a sexually violent  
3 offense for which the person was convicted shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction  
4 thereof, shall be confined in jail for not more than thirty days.

5 (b) Any person serving a period of supervised release of ten years or more pursuant to the  
6 provisions of section twenty-six, article twelve, chapter sixty-two of this code for an offense where  
7 the victim was a minor who loiters within one thousand feet of the property line of a facility or  
8 business the principal purpose of which is the education, entertainment or care of minor children,  
9 playground, athletic facility or school bus stop shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction  
10 thereof, shall be confined in jail for a period of not more than thirty days.

11 (c) A person does not violate the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section unless he  
12 or she has previously been asked to leave the proscribed location by an authorized person and  
13 thereafter refuses to leave or leaves and thereafter returns to the proscribed location.

14 (d) As used in this section:

15 (1) "Authorized person" means:

16 (A) A law-enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity;

17 (B) A security officer employed by a business or facility to protect persons or property acting  
18 in his or her employment capacity;

19 (C) An owner, manager or employee of a facility or business having a principal purpose the  
20 caring for, education or entertainment of minors;

21 (D) A victim or parent, guardian or lawful temporary or permanent custodian thereof;

22 (E) An employee of a county Board of Education acting in his or her employment capacity.



1 shall, as part of the sentence imposed at final disposition, be required to serve, in addition to any  
2 other penalty or condition imposed by the court, a period of supervised release of up to fifty years:  
3 *Provided*, That the period of supervised release imposed by the court pursuant to this section for a  
4 defendant convicted after the effective date of this section as amended and reenacted during the first  
5 extraordinary session of the Legislature, 2006, of a violation of section three or seven, article eight-b,  
6 chapter sixty-one of this code and sentenced pursuant to section nine-a of said article, shall be no less  
7 than ten years: *Provided, however*, That a defendant designated after the effective date of this  
8 section as amended and reenacted during the first extraordinary session of the Legislature, 2006, as  
9 a sexually violent predator pursuant to the provisions of section two-a, article twelve, chapter fifteen  
10 of this code shall be subject, in addition to any other penalty or condition imposed by the court, to  
11 supervised release for life: *Provided further*, That pursuant to the provisions of subsection (g) of  
12 this section, a court may modify, terminate or revoke any term of supervised release imposed  
13 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

14 (b) Any person required to be on supervised release for a ~~between the~~ minimum term of ten  
15 years and life pursuant to the provisos of subsection (a) of this section also shall be further prohibited  
16 from:

17 (1) Establishing a residence or accepting employment within one thousand feet of a school  
18 or child care facility or within one thousand feet of the residence of a victim or victims of any  
19 sexually violent offenses for which the person was convicted;

20 (2) Loitering within one thousand feet of a school or child care facility or within one  
21 thousand feet of the residence of a victim or victims of any sexually violent offenses for which the  
22 person was convicted: *Provided*, That the imposition of this prohibition shall apply to a defendant

1 convicted after the effective date of this section as amended and reenacted during the regular session  
2 of the Legislature, 2015: *Provided, however,* That as used herein “loitering” means to enter or  
3 remain on property while having no legitimate purpose or, if a legitimate purpose exists, remaining  
4 on that property beyond the time necessary to fulfill that purpose: *Provided further,* That nothing in  
5 this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit or limit a person’s presence within one thousand feet  
6 of a location or facility referenced in this subdivision if the person is present for the purposes of  
7 supervision, counseling or other activity in which the person is directed to participate as a condition  
8 of supervision or where the person has the express permission of his supervising officer to be  
9 present;

10       ~~(2)~~(3) Establishing a residence or any other living accommodation in a household in which  
11 a child under sixteen resides if the person has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against  
12 a child, unless the person is one of the following:

13           (i) The child’s parent;

14           (ii) The child’s grandparent; or

15           (iii) The child’s stepparent and the person was the stepparent of the child prior to being  
16 convicted of a sexually violent offense, the person’s parental rights to any children in the home have  
17 not been terminated, the child is not a victim of a sexually violent offense perpetrated by the person,  
18 and the court determines that the person is not likely to cause harm to the child or children with  
19 whom such person will reside: *Provided,* That nothing in this subsection shall preclude a court from  
20 imposing residency or employment restrictions as a condition of supervised release on defendants  
21 other than those subject to the provision of this subsection.

22           (c) The period of supervised release imposed by the provisions of this section shall begin

1 upon the expiration of any period of probation, the expiration of any sentence of incarceration or the  
2 expiration of any period of parole supervision imposed or required of the person so convicted,  
3 whichever expires later.

4 (d) Any person sentenced to a period of supervised release pursuant to the provisions of this  
5 section shall be supervised by a multijudicial circuit probation officer, if available. Until such time  
6 as a multijudicial circuit probation officer is available, the offender shall be supervised by the  
7 probation office of the sentencing court or of the circuit in which he or she resides.

8 (e) A defendant sentenced to a period of supervised release shall be subject to any or all of  
9 the conditions applicable to a person placed upon probation pursuant to the provisions of section  
10 nine of this article: *Provided*, That any defendant sentenced to a period of supervised release  
11 pursuant to this section shall be required to participate in appropriate offender treatment programs  
12 or counseling during the period of supervised release unless the court deems the offender treatment  
13 programs or counseling to no longer be appropriate or necessary and makes express findings in  
14 support thereof.

15 Within ninety days of the effective date of this section as amended and reenacted during the  
16 first extraordinary session of the Legislature, 2006, the Secretary of the Department of Health and  
17 Human Resources shall propose rules and emergency rules for legislative approval in accordance  
18 with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code establishing qualifications for  
19 sex offender treatment programs and counselors based on accepted treatment protocols among  
20 licensed mental health professionals.

21 (f) The sentencing court may, based upon defendant's ability to pay, impose a supervision fee  
22 to offset the cost of supervision. Said fee shall not exceed \$50 per month. Said fee may be modified

1 periodically based upon the defendant's ability to pay.

2 (g) *Modification of conditions or revocation.* -- The court may:

3 (1) Terminate a term of supervised release and discharge the defendant released at any time  
4 after the expiration of two years of supervised release, pursuant to the provisions of the West  
5 Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure relating to the modification of probation, if it is satisfied that  
6 such action is warranted by the conduct of the defendant released and the interests of justice;

7 (2) Extend a period of supervised release if less than the maximum authorized period was  
8 previously imposed or modify, reduce or enlarge the conditions of supervised release, at any time  
9 prior to the expiration or termination of the term of supervised release, consistent with the provisions  
10 of the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure relating to the modification of probation and the  
11 provisions applicable to the initial setting of the terms and conditions of post-release supervision;

12 (3) Revoke a term of supervised release and require the defendant to serve in prison all or  
13 part of the term of supervised release without credit for time previously served on supervised release  
14 if the court, pursuant to the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure applicable to revocation of  
15 probation, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant violated a condition of  
16 supervised release, except that a defendant whose term is revoked under this subdivision may not  
17 be required to serve more than the period of supervised release;

18 (4) Order the defendant to remain at his or her place of residence during nonworking hours  
19 and, if the court so directs, to have compliance monitored by telephone or electronic signaling  
20 devices, except that an order under this paragraph may be imposed only as an alternative to  
21 incarceration.

22 (h) *Written statement of conditions.* -- The court shall direct that the probation officer

1 provide the defendant with a written statement at the defendant's sentencing hearing that sets forth  
2 all the conditions to which the term of supervised release is subject and that it is sufficiently clear  
3 and specific to serve as a guide for the defendant's conduct and for such supervision as is required.

4 (i) *Supervised release following revocation.* -- When a term of supervised release is revoked  
5 and the defendant is required to serve a term of imprisonment that is less than the maximum term  
6 of supervised release authorized under subsection (a) of this section, the court may include a  
7 requirement that the defendant be placed on a term of supervised release after imprisonment. The  
8 length of such term of supervised release shall not exceed the term of supervised release authorized  
9 by this section less any term of imprisonment that was imposed upon revocation of supervised  
10 release.

11 (j) *Delayed revocation.* -- The power of the court to revoke a term of supervised release for  
12 violation of a condition of supervised release and to order the defendant to serve a term of  
13 imprisonment and, subject to the limitations in subsection (i) of this section, a further term of  
14 supervised release extends beyond the expiration of the term of supervised release for any period  
15 necessary for the adjudication of matters arising before its expiration if, before its expiration, a  
warrant or summons has been issued on the basis of an allegation of such a violation.

And,

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the title of the bill and agree to  
a new title as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill No. 2025**--A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia,  
1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-8-29; and to amend and reenact  
§62-12-26 of said code, relating to creating the offense of criminal loitering by persons on supervised

release; prohibiting loitering by such persons within one thousand feet of a victim's home, schools and facilities providing care and entertainment for children; defining terms; establishing penalties; and prohibiting certain sex offenders on supervised release from loitering within one thousand feet of a school, child care facility, or victim.

Respectfully Submitted,

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of the Senate.*