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## SENATE BILL No. 53

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DIGEST OF SB 53 (Updated January 15, 2013 12:47 pm - DI 106)

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-31.5; IC 35-42.

**Synopsis:** Child seduction. Defines "professional relationship" and provides that a person who: (1) has a professional relationship with a child; (2) may exert undue influence on the child because of the professional relationship; and (3) uses the person's professional relationship to engage in sexual conduct with a child at least 16 years but less than 18 years of age; commits child seduction. Provides that child seduction is a Class C felony if it involves intercourse or deviate sexual conduct, and a Class D felony if it involves fondling. (Under current law, child seduction is a Class D felony in all cases.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2013.

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### **Boots, Young R Michael, Randolph**

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January 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections & Criminal Law.  
January 15, 2013, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2013)

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## SENATE BILL No. 53

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-31.5-2-197.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 197.5. "Mental health**  
4 **professional", for purposes of IC 35-42-4-7, has the meaning set**  
5 **forth in IC 35-42-4-7(f).**
- 6 SECTION 2. IC 35-31.5-2-200, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
7 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 200. "Military recruiter", for purposes of  
9 IC 35-42-4-7, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-4-7(f).~~  
10 **IC 35-42-4-7(g).**
- 11 SECTION 3. IC 35-31.5-2-211, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
12 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
13 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 211. "Nonpublic school", for purposes of  
14 IC 35-42-4-7, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-4-7(g).~~  
15 **IC 35-42-4-7(h).**
- 16 SECTION 4. IC 35-31.5-2-248.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
17 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 248.5. "Professional**  
 2 **relationship", for purposes of IC 35-42-4-7, has the meaning set**  
 3 **forth in IC 35-42-4-7.**

4 SECTION 5. IC 35-31.5-2-284, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
 5 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 284. "School corporation", for purposes of  
 7 IC 35-42-4-7, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-4-7(h)~~.  
 8 **IC 35-42-4-7(i).**

9 SECTION 6. IC 35-31.5-2-309, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
 10 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 309. "Special education cooperative", for purposes  
 12 of IC 35-42-4-7, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-4-7(i)~~.  
 13 **IC 35-42-4-7(j).**

14 SECTION 7. IC 35-31.5-2-313, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
 15 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 16 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 313. "Stepparent", for purposes of IC 35-42-4-7,  
 17 has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-4-7(j)~~. **IC 35-42-4-7(k).**

18 SECTION 8. IC 35-42-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
 19 SECTION 138, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section,  
 21 "adoptive parent" has the meaning set forth in IC 31-9-2-6.

22 (b) As used in this section, "adoptive grandparent" means the parent  
 23 of an adoptive parent.

24 (c) As used in this section, "charter school" has the meaning set  
 25 forth in IC 20-18-2-2.5.

26 (d) As used in this section, "child care worker" means a person who:

27 (1) provides care, supervision, or instruction to a child within the  
 28 scope of the person's employment in a shelter care facility;

29 (2) is employed by a:

30 (A) school corporation;

31 (B) charter school;

32 (C) nonpublic school; or

33 (D) special education cooperative;

34 attended by a child who is the victim of a crime under this  
 35 chapter; or

36 (3) is:

37 (A) affiliated with a:

38 (i) school corporation;

39 (ii) charter school;

40 (iii) nonpublic school; or

41 (iv) special education cooperative;

42 attended by a child who is the victim of a crime under this

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- 1 chapter, regardless of how or whether the person is  
 2 compensated;  
 3 (B) in a position of trust in relation to a child who attends the  
 4 school or cooperative;  
 5 (C) engaged in the provision of care or supervision to a child  
 6 who attends the school or cooperative; and  
 7 (D) at least four (4) years older than the child who is the  
 8 victim of a crime under this chapter.

9 The term does not include a student who attends the school or  
 10 cooperative.

11 (e) As used in this section, "custodian" means any person who  
 12 resides with a child and is responsible for the child's welfare.

13 **(f) As used in this section, "mental health professional" means:**

- 14 **(1) a mental health counselor licensed under IC 25-23.6-8.5;**  
 15 **(2) a psychologist; or**  
 16 **(3) a psychiatrist.**

17 ~~(g)~~ **(g)** As used in this section, "military recruiter" means a member  
 18 of the armed forces of the United States (as defined in IC 20-33-10-2)  
 19 or the Indiana National Guard whose primary job function,  
 20 classification, or specialty is recruiting individuals to enlist with the  
 21 armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard.

22 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** As used in this section, "nonpublic school" has the meaning  
 23 set forth in IC 20-18-2-12.

24 **(i) For purposes of this section, a person has a "professional**  
 25 **relationship" with a child if:**

- 26 **(1) the person:**  
 27 **(A) has a license issued by the state or a political**  
 28 **subdivision on the basis of the person's training and**  
 29 **experience that authorizes the person to carry out a**  
 30 **particular occupation; or**  
 31 **(B) is employed in a position in which counseling,**  
 32 **supervising, instructing, or recruiting children forms a**  
 33 **significant part of the employment; and**  
 34 **(2) the person has a relationship with a child that is based on**  
 35 **the person's employment or licensed status as described in**  
 36 **subdivision (1).**

37 **The term includes a relationship between a child and a mental**  
 38 **health professional or military recruiter. The term does not include**  
 39 **a coworker relationship between a child and a person described in**  
 40 **subdivision (1)(B).**

41 ~~(h)~~ **(j)** As used in this section, "school corporation" has the meaning  
 42 set forth in IC 20-18-2-16.

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1            ~~(j)~~ **(k)** As used in this section, "special education cooperative" has  
2 the meaning set forth in IC 20-35-5-1.

3            ~~(j)~~ **(l)** As used in this section, "stepparent" means an individual who  
4 is married to a child's custodial or noncustodial parent and is not the  
5 child's adoptive parent.

6            ~~(k)~~ **(m)** If a person who:

7            (1) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

8            ~~(2)~~ is:

9            ~~(A)~~ the:

10            (i) guardian, adoptive parent, adoptive grandparent;  
11            custodian, or stepparent of; or

12            ~~(2)~~ is the:

13            ~~(A)~~ guardian, adoptive parent, adoptive grandparent,  
14            custodian, or stepparent of; or

15            ~~(B)~~ child care worker for;

16            (ii) child care worker for; or

17            ~~(B)~~ a military recruiter who is attempting to enlist;

18            a child at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen  
19            (18) years of age;

20            engages with the child in sexual intercourse, deviate sexual conduct (as  
21            defined in IC 35-31.5-2-94), or any fondling or touching with the intent  
22            to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the adult,  
23            the person commits child seduction. ~~a Class D felony.~~

24            ~~(n)~~ **(n)** A person who:

25            (1) has or had a professional relationship with a child at least  
26            sixteen (16) but less than eighteen (18) years of age whom the  
27            person knows to be at least sixteen (16) but less than eighteen  
28            (18) years of age;

29            (2) may exert undue influence on the child because of the  
30            person's current or previous professional relationship with  
31            the child; and

32            (3) uses or exerts the person's professional relationship to  
33            engage in sexual intercourse, deviate sexual conduct, or any  
34            fondling or touching with a child at least sixteen (16) but less  
35            than eighteen (18) years of age with the intent to arouse or  
36            satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the adult;

37            commits child seduction.

38            (o) In determining whether a person used or exerted the  
39            person's professional relationship with the child to engage in sexual  
40            intercourse, deviate sexual conduct, or any fondling or touching  
41            with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or  
42            the adult under subsection (n), the trier of fact may consider one



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- 1       **(1) or more of the following:**
- 2           **(1) The age difference between the person and the child.**
- 3           **(2) Whether the person was in a position of trust with respect**
- 4           **to the child.**
- 5           **(3) Whether the person's conduct with the child violated any**
- 6           **ethical obligations of the person's profession or occupation.**
- 7           **(4) The authority that the person had over the child.**
- 8           **(5) Whether the person exploited any particular vulnerability**
- 9           **of the child.**
- 10          **(6) Any other evidence relevant to the person's ability to exert**
- 11          **undue influence of the child.**
- 12       **(p) Child seduction under this section is:**
- 13           **(1) a Class D felony if the person engaged in any fondling or**
- 14           **touching with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires**
- 15           **of the child or the adult; and**
- 16           **(2) a Class C felony if the person engaged in sexual**
- 17           **intercourse or deviate sexual conduct with the child.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 53, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 35-31.5-2-248.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 248.5. "Professional relationship", for purposes of IC 35-42-4-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-42-4-7.**"

Page 3, between lines 18 and 19, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(i) For purposes of this section, a person has a "professional relationship" with a child if:**

**(1) the person:**

**(A) has a license issued by the state or a political subdivision on the basis of the person's training and experience that authorizes the person to carry out a particular occupation; or**

**(B) is employed in a position in which counseling, supervising, instructing, or recruiting children forms a significant part of the employment; and**

**(2) the person has a relationship with a child that is based on the person's employment or licensed status as described in subdivision (1).**

**The term includes a relationship between a child and a mental health professional or military recruiter. The term does not include a coworker relationship between a child and a person described in subdivision (1)(B)."**

Page 3, line 19, delete "(i)" and insert "**(j)**".

Page 3, line 21, delete "(j)" and insert "**(k)**".

Page 3, line 23, delete "(k)" and insert "**(l)**".

Page 3, line 26, delete "(l)" and insert "**(m)**".

Page 3, strike lines 28 through 31, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(2) is the:**

**(A) guardian, adoptive parent, adoptive grandparent, custodian, or stepparent of; or**

**(B) child care worker for;"**

Page 3, line 32, strike "(ii) child care worker for;"

Page 3, line 33, strike "(B) a military recruiter who is attempting to

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enlist;"

Page 3, line 33, delete "or".

Page 3, delete line 34.

Page 3, line 40, delete ",".

Page 3, line 40, strike "a Class D felony."

Page 3, after line 40, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(n) A person who:**

**(1) has or had a professional relationship with a child at least sixteen (16) but less than eighteen (18) years of age whom the person knows to be at least sixteen (16) but less than eighteen (18) years of age;**

**(2) may exert undue influence on the child because of the person's current or previous professional relationship with the child; and**

**(3) uses or exerts the person's professional relationship to engage in sexual intercourse, deviate sexual conduct, or any fondling or touching with a child at least sixteen (16) but less than eighteen (18) years of age with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the adult;**

**commits child seduction.**

**(o) In determining whether a person used or exerted the person's professional relationship with the child to engage in sexual intercourse, deviate sexual conduct, or any fondling or touching with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the adult under subsection (n), the trier of fact may consider one**

**(1) or more of the following:**

**(1) The age difference between the person and the child.**

**(2) Whether the person was in a position of trust with respect to the child.**

**(3) Whether the person's conduct with the child violated any ethical obligations of the person's profession or occupation.**

**(4) The authority that the person had over the child.**

**(5) Whether the person exploited any particular vulnerability of the child.**

**(6) Any other evidence relevant to the person's ability to exert undue influence of the child.**

**(p) Child seduction under this section is:**

**(1) a Class D felony if the person engaged in any fondling or touching with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the adult; and**

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**(2) a Class C felony if the person engaged in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct with the child."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 53 as introduced.)

YOUNG R MICHAEL, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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