

House Bill 123

By: Representatives Ramsey of the 72nd, Bearden of the 68th, Williams of the 178th, Levitas of the 82nd, Peake of the 137th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual
2 offenses, so as to change certain provisions relating to child molestation; to provide a
3 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses,
7 is amended in Code Section 16-6-4, relating to child molestation and aggravated child
8 molestation, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(a) A person commits the offense of child molestation when he or she does any immoral
10 or indecent act to or in the presence of or with any child under the age of 16 years with the
11 intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the person. As used in
12 this Code section, the term 'in the presence of' means direct or indirect contact between the
13 accused and the victim, including, but not limited to, contact by electronic means, the
14 Internet, or telephonic means."

15 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.