

House Bill 421

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and
2 offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to
3 provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Interstate Sexual Predator Prevention Act."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is
10 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "16-6-4.1.

12 (a) A person commits the offense of traveling to meet a child for indecent purposes when
13 such person travels any distance into this state from outside this state, or causes another
14 person to do so, for the purpose of contacting any child under the age of 16 years, or with
15 a person believed to be a child under the age of 16 years, to:

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- 16 (1) Solicit, entice, or commit any act of child molestation or other indecent act; or
17 (2) Solicit or entice any parent, guardian, or other lawful custodian of any child, or to
18 solicit or entice any person believed to be a parent, guardian, or other lawful custodian
19 of any child, to consent to or otherwise allow the participation of any child in any act of
20 child molestation or other indecent act.
- 21 (b)(1) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code
22 section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than
23 two years nor more than ten years and shall be subject to the sentencing and punishment
24 provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.2 and 17-10-7.
- 25 (2) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code
26 section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten
27 years.
- 28 (3) Any person convicted of violating this Code section shall be subject to the provisions
29 of Code Section 42-1-12."

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SECTION 3.

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.