SENATE BILL REPORT
SB 5227

As of January 24, 2025

Title: An act relating to offenses involving child sex dolls.

Brief Description: Concerning offenses involving child sex dolls.

Sponsors: Senators Orwall and Holy.

Brief History:
Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 1/27/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates crimes prohibiting trafficking, manufacturing, sending and bringing into the state, or possession of a child sex doll.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Staff: Kevin Black (786-7747)

Background: Washington law contains a number of criminal offenses designed to protect children from physical and sexual abuse. Felony conduct which is prohibited includes:

- sexual exploitation of a minor;
- dealing in depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct;
- communication with a minor for immoral purposes; and
- commercial sexual abuse of a minor.

The Child Rescue Fund is a fund in the custody of the state treasurer, with expenditures under the control of the Washington attorney general. Twenty-five percent of receipts from the fund must be used for grants to children's advocacy centers, and 75 percent must be used for grants to the Washington Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to use for investigations and prosecutions of crimes against children. A children's advocacy center provides a location for forensic interviews and coordinates access to child services.

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Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): The following crimes are created:

- trafficking a child sex doll;
- manufacturing a child sex doll;
- sending or bringing into the state a child sex doll; and
- possession of a child sex doll.

Each crime is a class B felony and seriousness level VII—low end of 15 to 20 months, and a high end of 87 to 116 months—except for possession of a child sex doll, which is seriousness level VI—12 to 14 months to 77 to 102 months. For determining the unit of prosecution, each doll is a separate offense. A child sex doll is defined as an anatomically correct doll, mannequin, robot, or other object intended to be used for sexual acts or sexual stimulation or gratification that resembles a minor, or is specifically advertised as being a representation of a minor. A child sex doll may be manufactured or modified after purchase.

Courts are required to assess a fee of $1,000 for each conviction for deposit in the Child Rescue Fund.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 23, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.