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HOUSE BILL 2146

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By Representatives Jacobsen, Davis, Leavitt, Chase, Marshall, Barnard, Keaton, Richards, Rule, Graham, and Couture

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AN ACT Relating to combating sexual exploitation of minors; and amending RCW 9.68A.040.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 9.68A.040 and 1989 c 32 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of sexual exploitation of a minor if the person:

(a) Compels a minor by threat or force to engage in sexually explicit conduct, knowing that such conduct will be photographed or part of a live performance;

(b) Aids, invites, employs, authorizes, or causes a minor to engage in or view sexually explicit conduct, knowing that such conduct will be photographed or part of a live performance; or

(c) Being a parent, legal guardian, or person having custody or control of a minor, permits the minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct, knowing that the conduct will be photographed or part of a live performance.

(2) Sexual exploitation of a minor is a class B felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

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