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H 1904. SEX OFFENDER/CANNOT GO ONTO SCHOOL GDS. Filed 5/10/06. TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR A REGISTERED OFFENDER TO BE ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY OR WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF A SCHOOL EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS. Enacts new GS 14-321.2, which makes it a Class F felony for a registered sex offender to be on educational property or within 500 feet of a school when minors are present. The proposed section defines a registered offender as (1) anyone who must register for life under the Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Programs and who is classified as a sexually violent predator or a recidivist, or who was convicted of an aggravated offense as those terms are defined by GS 14-208.6; or (2) anyone required to register for a ten-year period of time under the Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Programs and who committed an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor. The act contains an exception to the ban on the presence of registered offenders on educational property under certain circumstances when the offender is the parent or guardian of a minor enrolled in the school and the offender has received the permission of the chair of the school board or superintendent of schools. Effective December 1, 2006. Intro. by Ray, Goforth. GS 14