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Short Title: Amend Sex Offender Certain Premises.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING SEX OFFENDERS ON CERTAIN PREMISES  
3 TO ADDRESS THE RULING IN *DOE V. COOPER*.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-208.18 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 14-208.18. Sex offender unlawfully on premises.

7 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person required to register under this Article, if the offense  
8 requiring registration is described in subsection (c) of this section, to knowingly be at any of the  
9 following locations:

10 (1) On the premises of any place intended primarily for the use, care, or  
11 supervision of minors, including, but not limited to, schools, children's  
12 museums, child care centers, nurseries, and playgrounds.

13 (2) Within 300 feet of any location intended primarily for the use, care, or  
14 supervision of minors when the place is located on premises that are not  
15 intended primarily for the use, care, or supervision of minors, including, but not  
16 limited to, places described in subdivision (1) of this subsection that are located  
17 in malls, shopping centers, or other property open to the general public.

18 (3) At any place where minors ~~gather for regularly scheduled educational,~~  
19 ~~recreational, or social programs frequently congregate, including, but not~~  
20 ~~limited to, libraries, arcades, amusement parks, recreation parks, and swimming~~  
21 ~~pools, when minors are present.~~

22 (4) On the State Fairgrounds during the period of time each year that the State Fair  
23 is conducted.

24 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a person subject to subsection (a) of this  
25 section who is the parent or guardian of a minor may take the minor to any location that can  
26 provide emergency medical care treatment if the minor is in need of emergency medical care.

27 (c) ~~Subsection~~ The subdivisions of subsection (a) of this section is are applicable only to  
28 ~~persons required to register under this Article who have committed any of the following~~  
29 ~~offenses; as follows:~~

30 (1) Subdivisions (1), (3), and (4) of subsection (a) of this section apply to persons  
31 required to register under this Article who have committed any of the following  
32 offenses:



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- 1           a.       Any offense in Article 7B of this Chapter or any federal offense or  
2                    offense committed in another state, which if committed in this State, is  
3                    substantially similar to an offense in Article 7B of this Chapter.
- 4           ~~(2)~~b.   Any offense where the victim of the offense was under the age of ~~16~~18  
5                    years at the time of the offense.
- 6           (2)   Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section applies to persons required to  
7                    register under this Article if either of the following applies:
- 8           a.       The person has committed any offense in Article 7B of this Chapter or  
9                    any federal offense or offense committed in another state, which if  
10                   committed in this State is substantially similar to an offense in Article  
11                   7B of this Chapter, and a finding has been made in any criminal or civil  
12                   proceeding that the person presents, or may present, a danger to minors  
13                   under the age of 18.
- 14           b.       The person has committed any offense where the victim of the offense  
15                    was under the age of 18 years at the time of the offense.
- 16       (d)   A person subject to subsection (a) of this section who is a parent or guardian of a  
17       student enrolled in a school may be present on school property if all of the following conditions  
18       are met:
- 19           (1)   The parent or guardian is on school property for the purpose for one of the  
20                    following:
- 21           a.       To attend a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss  
22                    the academic or social progress of the parents' or guardians' child; or
- 23           b.       The presence of the parent or guardian has been requested by the  
24                    principal or his or her designee for any other reason relating to the  
25                    welfare or transportation of the child.
- 26           (2)   The parent or guardian complies with all of the following:
- 27           a.       Notice: The parent or guardian shall notify the principal of the school of  
28                    the parents' or guardians' registration under this Article and of his or her  
29                    presence at the school unless the parent or guardian has permission to be  
30                    present from the superintendent or the local board of education, or the  
31                    principal has granted ongoing permission for regular visits of a routine  
32                    nature. If permission is granted by the superintendent or the local board  
33                    of education, the superintendent or chairman of the local board of  
34                    education shall inform the principal of the school where the parents' or  
35                    guardians' will be present. Notification includes the nature of the  
36                    parents' or guardians' visit and the hours when the parent or guardian  
37                    will be present at the school. The parent or guardian is responsible for  
38                    notifying the principal's office upon arrival and upon departure. Any  
39                    permission granted under this sub-subdivision shall be in writing.
- 40           b.       Supervision: At all times that a parent or guardian is on school property,  
41                    the parent or guardian shall remain under the direct supervision of  
42                    school personnel. A parent or guardian shall not be on school property  
43                    even if the parent or guardian has ongoing permission for regular visits  
44                    of a routine nature if no school personnel are reasonably available to  
45                    supervise the parent or guardian on that occasion.
- 46       (e)   A person subject to subsection (a) of this section who is eligible to vote may be present  
47       at a location described in subsection (a) used as a voting place as defined by G.S. 163-165 only for  
48       the purposes of voting and shall not be outside the voting enclosure other than for the purpose of  
49       entering and exiting the voting place. If the voting place is a school, then the person subject to  
50       subsection (a) shall notify the principal of the school that he or she is registered under this Article.

1 (f) A person subject to subsection (a) of this section who is eligible under G.S. 115C-378  
2 to attend public school may be present on school property if permitted by the local board of  
3 education pursuant to G.S. 115C-390.11(a)(2).

4 (g) A juvenile subject to subsection (a) of this section may be present at a location  
5 described in that subsection if the juvenile is at the location to receive medical treatment or mental  
6 health services and remains under the direct supervision of an employee of the treating institution  
7 at all times.

8 (g1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a person subject to subsection (a) of this  
9 section who is required to wear an electronic monitoring device shall wear an electronic  
10 monitoring device that provides exclusion zones around the premises of all elementary and  
11 secondary schools in North Carolina.

12 (h) A violation of this section is a Class H felony."

13 **SECTION 2.** The changes made in Section 1 of this act are effective unless either or  
14 both of the decisions of the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina  
15 ruling G.S. 14-208.18(a)(2) and G.S. 14-408.18(a)(3) unconstitutional, as they existed prior to the  
16 enactment of this act, are stayed or overturned by a higher court on appeal, in which case the  
17 appropriate portion of the prior version of the statute to which the decision pertained is again  
18 effective as follows:

19 (1) If the ruling enjoining enforcement of G.S. 14-208.18(a)(2) is stayed or  
20 overturned, the changes made to subsection (c) of G.S. 14-208.18 by Section 1  
21 of this act shall be repealed.

22 (2) If the ruling enjoining enforcement of G.S. 14-208.18(a)(3) is stayed or  
23 overturned, the changes made to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of  
24 G.S. 14-208.18 by Section 1 of this act shall be repealed.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective September 1, 2016, and applies to offenses  
26 committed on or after that date.