

LAW REFORM PROPOSAL – JUSTICE FOR OHIO KIDS

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BACKGROUND

On January 6, 2025, a 15■year■old child named Thor was assaulted by a school employee. Despite the severity of the case, Ohio law allowed the accused to remain in the community with minimal restrictions. Current statutes do not mandate limits on access to minors, social media, school grounds, or children's public spaces for individuals charged with sexual offenses involving minors.

THE PROBLEM

Ohio's existing laws allow individuals accused of sexual crimes against children to:

- Maintain access to minors online and in person
- Appear in public settings where children are present
- Enter schools, parks, and community locations
- Possess unrestricted internet and social media access
- Avoid active monitoring during pre■trial release

These gaps create significant risk for victims, schools, families, and communities.

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION

The following mandatory conditions should apply immediately upon arrest for any sexual offense against a minor, regardless of bond status:

- 1. No Contact With Minors** – Direct or indirect, online or in■person, including family members other than biological children with court approval.
- 2. No Social Media or Internet Platforms With Minor Access** – Including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, gaming chats, Discord, and messaging apps.
- 3. No Entry Into Child■Centered Locations** – Schools, parks, churches, daycares, community centers, libraries, rec centers, or any location primarily serving minors.
- 4. GPS / Electronic Monitoring** – Required for all individuals charged with sexual crimes involving minors until case completion.
- 5. Mandatory Reporting to Schools and Youth Organizations** – Institutions must be notified when an employee, volunteer, or contractor is under investigation for or charged with offenses involving minors.
- 6. Immediate Removal From School Employment or Volunteer Roles** – No individual

under active investigation or charges related to minors should remain employed or volunteer in any child-serving setting.

WHY OHIO MUST ACT NOW

Ohio ranks among states with significant gaps in pre-trial restrictions for individuals charged with crimes involving children. Stronger laws are required to ensure that no predator—charged or convicted—can exploit these gaps to harm children or intimidate victims and families.

EXPECTED IMPACT

- Increased safety for children statewide
- Immediate removal of accused individuals from positions of access to minors
- Clear, enforceable guidelines for courts, schools, and law enforcement
- Reduced risk of intimidation or re-traumatization of victims
- Stronger community confidence in Ohio's protective systems

CALL TO ACTION

Ohio lawmakers must prioritize child safety by enacting mandatory restrictions for individuals charged with sexual offenses involving minors. We urge legislators, school officials, parents, and community leaders to stand with Justice for Ohio Kids and demand urgent reform.

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