
Jessica Lunsford Act

On June 20, 2007, Governor Charlie Crist signed into law Senate Bill 988, Relating to High Risk Offenders. The bill, effective on July 1, 2007, requires specific notations on the driver's licenses of sexual predators, and established standards and procedures related to the background screening of individuals who provide contracted non-instructional services to Florida public schools or districts.

The sections of Florida law pertinent to the screening of individuals who are vendors or contractors with a Florida public school or district as amended or created by [Senate Bill 988](#), may be accessed at:

- [Section 1012.465, Florida Statutes](#)
- [Section 1012.467, Florida Statutes](#)
- [Section 1012.468, Florida Statutes](#)

Ethics in Education Act

The 2008 Florida Legislature passed, and Governor Crist signed, [Senate Bill 1712](#) (PDF), the Ethics in Education Act. This legislation became effective July 1, 2008, and amends multiple sections of the Florida Statutes and creates new statutory sections. In part, this Act created section 1012.315, Florida Statutes, and established that a conviction of certain offenses makes one ineligible for a Florida Educator Certificate and instructional personnel and school administrators are ineligible for employment in any position that requires direct student contact in a district school system, charter school, private school that accepts students under the Corporate Tax or McKay Scholarships, or the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. An individual is ineligible for Florida Educator Certification and employment as instructional personnel or school administrator as outlined above, if convicted of any of the following felony offenses:

- Section [393.135](#), relating to sexual misconduct with certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
- Section [394.4593](#), relating to sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
- Section [415.111](#), relating to adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
- Section [782.04](#), relating to murder.
- Section [782.07](#), relating to manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, aggravated manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter of an officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.
- Section [784.021](#), relating to aggravated assault.
- Section [784.045](#), relating to aggravated battery.
- Section [784.075](#), relating to battery on a detention or commitment facility staff member or a juvenile probation officer.

- Section [787.01](#), relating to kidnapping.
- Section [787.02](#), relating to false imprisonment.
- Section [787.025](#), relating to luring or enticing a child.
- Section [787.04\(2\)](#), relating to leading, taking, enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
- Section [787.04\(3\)](#), relating to leading, taking, enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse or neglect of a minor.
- Section [790.115\(1\)](#), relating to exhibiting firearms or weapons at a school-sponsored event, on school property, or within 1,000 feet of a school.
- Section [790.115\(2\)\(b\)](#), relating to possessing an electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon at a school-sponsored event or on school property.
- Section [794.011](#), relating to sexual battery.
- Former s. [794.041](#), relating to sexual activity with or solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial authority.
- Section [794.05](#), relating to unlawful sexual activity with certain minors.
- Section [794.08](#), relating to female genital mutilation.
- Chapter [796](#), relating to prostitution.
- Chapter [800](#), relating to lewdness and indecent exposure.
- Section [806.01](#), relating to arson.
- Section [810.14](#), relating to voyeurism.
- Section [810.145](#), relating to video voyeurism.
- Section [812.014\(6\)](#), relating to coordinating the commission of theft in excess of \$3,000.
- Section [812.0145](#), relating to theft from persons 65 years of age or older.
- Section [812.019](#), relating to dealing in stolen property.
- Section [812.13](#), relating to robbery.
- Section [812.131](#), relating to robbery by sudden snatching.
- Section [812.133](#), relating to carjacking.
- Section [812.135](#), relating to home-invasion robbery.
- Section [817.563](#), relating to fraudulent sale of controlled substances.
- Section [825.102](#), relating to abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- Section [825.103](#), relating to exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- Section [825.1025](#), relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled person.
- Section [826.04](#), relating to incest.
- Section [827.03](#), relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- Section [827.04](#), relating to contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.
- Section [827.071](#), relating to sexual performance by a child.
- Section [843.01](#), relating to resisting arrest with violence.
- Chapter [847](#), relating to obscenity.
- Section [874.05](#), relating to causing, encouraging, soliciting, or recruiting another to join a criminal street gang.
- Chapter [893](#), relating to drug abuse prevention and control, if the offense was a felony of the second degree or greater severity.

- Section [916.1075](#), relating to sexual misconduct with certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
- Section [944.47](#), relating to introduction, removal, or possession of contraband at a correctional facility.
- Section [985.701](#), relating to sexual misconduct in juvenile justice programs.
- Section [985.711](#), relating to introduction, removal, or possession of contraband at a juvenile detention facility or commitment program.

An individual is ineligible for Florida Educator Certification and employment as instructional personnel or school administrator as outlined above, if convicted of any of the following misdemeanor offenses:

- Section [784.03](#), relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
- Section [787.025](#), relating to luring or enticing a child.

An individual is ineligible for Florida Educator Certification and employment as instructional personnel or school administrator as outlined above, if convicted of:

- Any criminal act committed in another state or under federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes an offense prohibited under any statute listed in subsection (1) or subsection (2). (offenses listed above)

or;

- Any delinquent act committed in this state or any delinquent or criminal act committed in another state or under federal law which, if committed in this state, qualifies an individual for inclusion on the Registered Juvenile Sex Offender List under s. 943.0435(1)(a)1.d.

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