



Senate of Pennsylvania

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**TO:** All Senators

**DATE:** November 29, 2011

**FROM:** Senator Lisa M. Boseola

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**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship of Legislation

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In the near future, I plan to introduce new legislation which would establish parameters for a residency requirement for sexual offenders registered under Megan's Law. Currently, there are no restrictions in residency for sexual offenders under Pennsylvania law other than the requirement to notify the school district a sexual predator resides in and every school within a one mile radius of said residence. My legislation would require a minimum of 1000 ft between a Megan's law registrant's residence and the following establishments- any public, private or parochial school, pre-school program, certified day care center, registered family day care home, recreation center, or playground and a minimum of 500 ft from a school bus stop.

However, my legislation would also provide for an exemption for any Megan's law registrant who currently owns or leases real estate. Therefore, those who qualify for the exemption would not be required to sell or otherwise dispose of any real estate, home or other real property or to cancel any lease of real property that was acquired prior to the effective date of this bill.

Additionally, the following exceptions will be made for sexual offenders who reside in any of the following establishments on a temporary or permanent basis: A hospital, a nursing home or similar entity, mental health facility, or temporary lodging for a term that is less than 15 consecutive days.

Finally, my legislation will also require the board of school directors of any school which provides transportation to students, or similar private entity, to annually utilize the Megan's Law website maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police in choosing their yearly bus stop locations. If a registered sex offender is found to be living within 500 ft of a school bus stop and is legally deemed exempt from the bus stop residency requirement- my legislation would require the school directors to take the following actions:

- Notify each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the bus stop
- Notify each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the school district
- Notify the parents of any student who will be required to use the bus stop that falls within the 500 ft

Often these school bus stops are not supervised by an adult and leave children particularly vulnerable. My legislation would ensure that the authorities, parents and school directors are up-to-date on the locations of registered sex offenders in proximity to these bus stop locations and provide a 500 ft boundary prohibiting new sex offenders from moving near school bus stop locations.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julia Brinjac in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at [jbrinjac@pasenate.com](mailto:jbrinjac@pasenate.com)