

Senate Judiciary Committee

Pete Mulvey 271-4063

AMENDMENT # 2025-1875s, to HB 369-FN, relative to misdemeanor sexual assault prosecutions.

Hearing Date: May 13, 2025

Time Opened: 2:37 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:40 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gannon, McConkey and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Abbas and Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill requires a defendant charged with a misdemeanor sexual assault of a minor under the age of 18 to elect whether to proceed in circuit court and waive his or her right to a jury trial or to immediately appeal to superior court for a jury trial.

Sponsors:

Rep. Potenza

Rep. Bjelobrk

Rep. Kuttab

Rep. Sabourin

Rep. Lynn

Rep. Burnham

Sen. Ricciardi

Sen. Sullivan

Who supports the amendment: Pamela Keilig and Natalie McDonough.

Who opposes the amendment: N/A

Who is neutral on the amendment: N/A

Summary of testimony:

Senator William Gannon

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- Amendment 1875s related to the duty for sex offenders and child predators to report and register themselves.
- There was a gap in law that may allow a sex offender to enjoy a grace period where they would not have to report or register themselves.
- Sen. Reardon reiterated that Rep. Bob Lynn had suggested additional language to close the loophole even tighter.

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Date Hearing Report completed: May 16, 2025