

CHAPTER 65.

[H. B. 17.]

COMMUNICATING WITH A CHILD FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES.

AN ACT relating to sexual psychopaths and psychopathic delinquents; defining terms; defining a crime and prescribing a penalty; amending section 71.06.010, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.06.010; and adding a new section to chapter 249, Laws of 1909 and to chapter 9.79 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 71.06.010, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.06.010 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 71.06.010 amended.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Sexual psychopaths and psychopathic delinquents. Definitions.

“Psychopathic personality” means the existence in any person of such hereditary, congenital or acquired condition affecting the emotional or volitional rather than the intellectual field and manifested by anomalies of such character as to render satisfactory social adjustment of such person difficult or impossible.

“Sexual psychopath” means any person who is affected in a form of psychoneurosis or in a form of psychopathic personality, which form predisposes such person to the commission of sexual offenses in a degree constituting him a menace to the health or safety of others.

“Sex offense” means one or more of the following: Abduction, incest, rape, assault with intent to commit rape, indecent assault, contributing to the delinquency of a minor involving sexual misconduct, sodomy, indecent exposure, indecent liberties with children, carnal knowledge of children, soliciting or enticing or otherwise communicating with a child for immoral purposes, vagrancy involving im-

moral or sexual misconduct, or an attempt to commit any of the said offenses.

“Psychopathic delinquent” means any minor who is psychopathic, and who is a habitual delinquent, if his delinquency is such as to constitute him a menace to the health, person, or property of himself or others, and the minor is not a proper subject for commitment to a state correctional school, a penal institution, to a state school for the mentally deficient as a mentally deficient person, or to a state hospital as a mentally ill person.

“Minor” means any person under twenty-one years of age.

“Department” means department of institutions.

“Court” means the superior court of the state of Washington.

“Superintendent” means the superintendent of a state institution designated for the custody, care and treatment of sexual psychopaths or psychopathic delinquents.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 249, Laws of 1909 and to chapter 9.79 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Communica-
tion with child
for immoral
purposes,
gross
misdemeanor.

Every person who solicits, entices or otherwise communicates with a child under the age of eighteen years for immoral purposes shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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