

# SENATE, No. 1620

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Establishes crime for adult to misrepresent age in order to join youth serving organization.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning child safety and supplementing Title 2C of the  
2 New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. A person who is 18 years of age or older is guilty of a  
8 crime of the fourth degree if that person:

9 (1) impersonates a child under the age of 18, or in any way  
10 misrepresents himself as being under the age of 18 for the purpose  
11 of gaining membership to a youth serving organization; or

12 (2) assists another adult, 18 years of age or older, in  
13 fraudulently gaining membership to a nonprofit youth serving  
14 organization by making a false or misleading statement regarding  
15 the age or identity of that adult in an oral or written application for  
16 membership to the youth serving organization.

17 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:1-8 or any other  
18 provisions of law, a conviction arising under this section shall not  
19 merge with a conviction of any other criminal offense, nor shall  
20 such other conviction merge with a conviction under this section,  
21 and the court shall impose separate sentences upon each violation of  
22 this section and any other criminal offense.

23 c. For the purposes of this act, "youth serving organization"  
24 means a corporation, association or other organization established  
25 pursuant to Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, Title 15A of the New  
26 Jersey Statutes, or other law of this State, but excluding public and  
27 nonpublic schools, and which provides recreational, cultural,  
28 charitable, social or other activities or services for persons younger  
29 than 18 years of age.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill establishes a crime of the fourth degree for an adult to  
37 impersonate, assume a false identity, or in any way misrepresent  
38 himself as a child under the age of 18 for the purpose of joining a  
39 nonprofit youth serving organization. Under the provisions of the  
40 bill, it also would be a crime of the fourth degree for a person age  
41 18 or older to assist another adult in fraudulently gaining  
42 membership to a nonprofit youth serving organization by making a  
43 false or misleading statement regarding the age or identity of that  
44 adult in an oral or written application for membership to the  
45 nonprofit youth serving organization.

46 A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by up to 18 months  
47 imprisonment, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both. The bill specifies  
48 that this crime would not merge with a conviction for any other

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- 1 criminal offense, and that the court is to impose separate sentences
- 2 upon each violation of this section and any other criminal offense.