

HB 1247 -- SEXUAL OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: Lant

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 9 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill defines "child care facility," for the purposes of prohibiting a sexual offender from being near a child care facility, to include any licensed child care facility or any child care facility subject to state regulation and holds itself out to be a child care facility.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will close a loophole in the law that allows sex offenders to volunteer at certain types of childcare facilities or live near childcare facilities.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Lant.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.