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Act No. 29 (H.18). Crimes and criminal procedures

An act relating to sexual exploitation of children and limited immunity from liability for a person reporting a crime.

This act addresses two issues: (1) sexual exploitation of a child relating to the production and possession of child sexual abuse materials; and (2) limited immunity from prosecution for certain crimes for a person who reports being a witness to or a victim of a crime.

First, the act includes simulated sexual conduct with a child within the prohibited conduct covered by 13 V.S.A. chapter 64.

Second, the act directs that a person who, in good faith and in a timely manner, reports to law enforcement that the person is a victim of or a witness to a crime that arose from the person’s involvement in prostitution or human trafficking shall not be cited, arrested, or prosecuted for a violation of the prostitution statutes or for minor drug possession.

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