



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 1134: Secret Peeping on Minor/Increase Punishment.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary 2. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 12, 2026
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OVERVIEW: *The PCS to House Bill 1134 would increase the punishment for secret peeping offenses in which the victim is a minor.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

Secret peeping offenses are addressed in G.S. 14-202.

Section 1 would provide the following:

- Any person who commits a violation of G.S. 14-202 in which the victim is a minor would be guilty of an offense that is one class higher than the offense committed.
- Any person who commits a violation of G.S. 14-202 (i) in which the victim is a minor and (ii) while having custody of the minor would be guilty of an offense two classes higher than the offense committed.

This section would also provide the following definitions:

- Minor. – An individual who is less than 18 years of age.
- Custody. – The care, control, or supervision of a minor by any adult who, by virtue of their position, role, employment, volunteer status, or relationship to a minor, exercises supervisory authority or control over a minor, or is responsible for the minor's welfare, safety, or supervision, regardless of whether such responsibility arises from express appointment, organizational duty, professional obligation, or circumstantial necessity.

Section 2 would appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) \$25,000 in nonrecurring funds to be used for costs incurred by DPS from developing and implementing a marketing campaign to make the public aware of G.S. 14-202, as amended by this act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 of this act would become effective December 1, 2026, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act would become effective July 1, 2026.

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