

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Resolution Denouncing SB 145

**“Resolution to Defend the Innocence of Children”**

*WHEREAS*, existing law known as the Sex Offender Registration Act (ACT), requires a person convicted of certain crimes, as specified, to register with law enforcement as a sex offender while residing in California, or while attending school or working in California. A willful failure to register, as required by the act, is a misdemeanor or felony, depending on the underlying offense; and

*WHEREAS*, SB 145, authored by Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), exempts from mandatory registration under the ACT, a person convicted of certain offenses involving minors if the person is not more than 10 years older than the minor, and if that offense is the only one requiring the person to register; and

*WHEREAS*, under the former ACT adults who are convicted of having oral or anal sex with a minor are automatically added to the California’s sex offender registry. SB 145 eliminates automatic sex offender registration in those cases and give judges discretion to make that decision; and

*WHEREAS*, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego) iterated during debate of the bill on the state Assembly floor, Aug. 31, 2020, “*I cannot, in my mind, as a mother, understand how sex between a 24-year-old and a 14-year-old could ever be consensual, how it could ever not be a registerable offense.... Give me a situation where a 24-year-old had sex with a 14-year-old, any kind of sex, and it wasn’t predatory*”; and

*WHEREAS*, SB passed the state senate on August 30, 2020; and

*WHEREAS*, California Governor Gavin Newsom recently signed into law SB 145 that amends the ACT and allows judges to decide whether an adult convicted of having sexual contact with a minor should register as a sex offender, in cases in which the minor is 14 years or older and the adult is not more than 10 years older than the minor; and

*WHEREAS*, this new legislation and law in California has once again brought the issue of human sex trafficking to the center of conversation. Human sex trafficking is a major issue across the country, and this law recently signed into law by Newsom advances human sexual predators; and

*WHEREAS*, the Orange County Board of Education (Board), elected representatives, public officials and government administrators are placed in positions of influence and authority to protect the innocence of vulnerable children, teenagers and families in our communities. SB 145 and the ensuing law signed by Governor Newsom exposes our society to greater incidences and risks of sexual aggression, violence and pedophilia. It allows sexual predators to harm these at-risk and vulnerable groups of society under the artful ruse of politically correct language.

THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves as follows:

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1. SB 145 normalizes adult sex with children, and
2. SB 145 advances pedophilia in a society, and
3. SB 145 constrains a valuable deterrent for reducing sex crimes that negatively impacts communities, and
4. The Orange County Board of Education denounces the signing of this bill into law by Governor Newsom.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Ken L. Williams, D.O., President to the Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of October 2020, and passed by a 5-0 vote of said Board members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of October 2020.



Ken L. Williams, D.O., President  
Orange County Board of Education