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South Australia

**Criminal Law Consolidation (Dishonest  
Communication with Children) Amendment  
Bill 2018**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*.

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## The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

### Part 1—Preliminary

#### 1—Short title

5 This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Law Consolidation (Dishonest Communication with Children) Amendment Act 2018*.

#### 2—Commencement

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

#### 3—Amendment provisions

10 In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

### Part 2—Amendment of *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*

#### 4—Insertion of Part 5 Division 5A

Part 5—after Division 5 insert:

#### **Division 5A—Dishonest communication with children**

#### **139A—Dishonest communication with children**

- (1) A person of or over the age of 18 years who—
  - (a) knowingly communicates with a child; and
  - (b) makes a false representation in such communication that—
    - (i) the person is younger than they are; or
    - (ii) the person is someone other than who they are; and
  - (c) meets or arranges to meet with the child,

is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: Imprisonment for 5 years.

- (2) A person of or over the age of 18 years who—
- (a) knowingly communicates with a child; and
  - (b) makes a false representation in such communication that—
    - (i) the person is younger than they are; or
    - (ii) the person is someone other than who they are,

with intent to commit an offence against the child is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: Imprisonment for 10 years.

- (3) In this section—  
***child*** means a person under the age of 17 years.