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Attorney General Marshall Statement on Passage of the Child Predator Death Penalty Act

(Montgomery, Ala) - Attorney General Steve Marshall released the following statement after final passage of the Child Predator Death Penalty Act which makes certain sexual crimes against children under 12 capital offenses eligible for the death penalty.

"I applaud the Alabama Legislature for passing HB41, the Child Predator Death Penalty Act, which sends the strongest possible message that our state will not tolerate crimes against our children, who are among our most vulnerable citizens.

Our children deserve to grow up safe, protected, and free from harm. This legislation provides law enforcement and prosecutors with the tools they need to pursue the ultimate penalty against those who commit the most depraved acts against children.

I commend Representative Matt Simpson, Senator April Weaver, and all members of the Legislature who supported this critical measure. Alabama is leading the way in child protection, and this bill affirms that we will always stand on the side of our children."

House Bill 41 passed Senate by a vote of 33-1. It was approved by the House earlier this session and now goes to the Governor for her signature.

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