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Crespo Sponsors Legislation to Require Colleges to Report Child Mistreatment

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL – In light of the recent Penn State scandal, State Rep. Fred Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates) has sponsored a bill that will require employees of higher institutions, athletic programs and early intervention providers to report any cases of child abuse or neglect.

“This legislation will work to protect our children from sexual predators,” Crespo said. “Sexual crimes against a minor are serious and we must do everything in our capacity to ensure children are protected.”

House Bill 3887 would amend the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to mandate personnel working in colleges and universities to report cases of child maltreatment if they have knowledge of such. Rep. Crespo has previously passed legislation aimed at ensuring children’s safety, including the creation of a civil order of protection that permits a person to obtain a restraining order against someone they are not in a domestic relationship with if they are being harassed by that person.

“Reporting the known sexual abuse of a child should be commonplace everywhere, and amending this Act is just another step to protecting our youth,” Crespo said. “I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this legislation quickly.”

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