



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Brendan Boyle and Representative Kevin Boyle

Date: July 27, 2011

Re: **Prohibit Public Employees Convicted of Sex Crimes against Minors from Collecting Retirement Benefits**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act to prohibit public officials or public employees that are convicted or plead guilty or no defense to any offense committed against a minor that requires registration pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. §9795.1.

Recently, the *Philadelphia Daily News* reported that former city employees, who have been convicted of felonies including sex crimes against children, are still permitted to collect pensions. Under current Pennsylvania law, public officials and public employees that are convicted or plead guilty or no defense to any crime related to public office or public employment lose all rights to retirement or other benefits or payments. However, there are no provisions regarding loss of retirement or other benefit payments for public officials or public employees who commit sex crimes involving minors. Under my proposal, any public official or public employee who is convicted or pleads guilty or no defense to any offense committed against a minor that requires registration pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. §9795.1 will lose all rights to payment of retirement or other benefit payments.

Both public officials and public employees are entrusted to serve the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Committing a sex crime that requires registration as a sex offender pursuant to the provisions of Megan's Law is a direct breach of public trust. It is my opinion that those individuals who commit a crime that requires registration under those provisions have no right to retirement or other benefits payments afforded to law abiding public servants.

Please join me in sponsoring this important legislation. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Kristen Womelsdorf in my office via email at Kwomelsd@pahouse.net or at 717-787-3055.