

Senate passes “locker room privacy bill” that was focus of FOX6 investigation

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MADISON — The Wisconsin Senate on Tuesday, March 15th passed a “locker room privacy bill,” authored by Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Salem) and Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) that was the focus of a FOX6 investigation. The bill now heads to Governor Scott Walker after it was passed by the Senate on a voice vote.



The legislation was drafted in response to the hidden-camera case in Kenosha County in which women and children were secretly video-taped in the locker room of the Pleasant Prairie RecPlex.

Because many of the victims were children, the legislation focuses on increasing penalties for all peeping tom and depicting nudity offenses when the victim is under 18 years old.

For locker room-specific offenses, the bill increases all penalties, and increases them an additional level of severity when victims are under 18 years old.

“The locker room case really highlighted our vulnerabilities and the vulnerabilities of our children in the digital age,” said Rep. Kerkman. “It was literally obscene to find that someone who secretly photographed or videotaped others – including children – nude in a locker room could have faced penalties as low as a Class B misdemeanor.”

“These actions are reprehensible, but become even more despicable when these videos are taken of children. Our children cannot protect themselves, and this bill stiffens penalties to help shield Wisconsin children from predators,” said Sen. Wanggaard.

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