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Frullo Announces Alicia's Law, Raises Awareness of Child Pornography Trafficking on the Web

AUSTIN- During a press conference held at the state capitol Thursday, State Representative John Frullo (R-Lubbock) joined with State Senator John Carona (R-Dallas) in announcing the joint filing of House Bill 3746 and Senate Bill 1843, to be known as 'Alicia's Law'. In a strong effort to raise awareness on the magnitude of child pornography trafficking in Texas, Alicia's Law aims to combat this growing threat by providing desperately needed resources for the Texas Internet Crimes Against Children task forces.

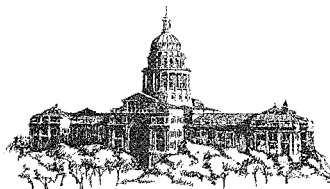
"When I learned that there were 30,000 individual computers in Texas identified in trafficking sadistic images of children, I was dumbfounded," said Representative John Frullo, in reaction to the 2008 data from the United States Department of Justice. "The vulnerability of our children to this type of threat causes me great concern."

According to the Department of Justice, crimes related to child pornography are the fastest growing class of crimes in this country. There are more than 350,000 identified computers in the United States that are trafficking in hardcore images of children being assaulted, tortured, raped, and subjected to torture.

Texas currently has three Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces with approximately 10 full-time staff members among them working in conjunction with local and federal authorities. One of every three ICAC-related arrests results in the identification and rescue of a local child victim. Given the magnitude and cross-jurisdictional nature of the Internet, it is imperative that state and local agencies cooperate and collaborate on these investigations, rescues and prosecutions.

"It is a fundamental function of government to keep our citizens safe," Frullo said. "Particularly the most vulnerable - our children. This legislation will help law enforcement rescue children from dangerous criminals more quickly."

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Alicia's Law provides administrative subpoena power to receive subscriber data on a computer IP address that is trafficking in pornographic images of children. It also creates a dedicated revenue stream to enable ICACs to create full-time investigative positions to foster the apprehension of more Texas predators and the rescue of more children in communities across the state.

"When an investigator sees a suspect trafficking in child pornography, he must obtain a subpoena quickly to identify a suspect," Frullo said. "This legislation removes the red tape in situations when minutes matter."

The bill is named after Alicia Kozakeiwicz who, at the age of 13, was contacted by a predator through the Internet, abducted, and held for four days in a basement where she was tortured and raped.

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