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**Welfare-Statutory Rape**

W2 - statutory rape



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Subject: Statutory Rape Requirement in Welfare Law

Here is the text of the welfare law's section on statutory rape -- it requires a study and a program

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Jose -- are you going to call Liz and get them over here for a meeting?

**SEC. 906. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF STATUTORY RAPE LAWS.**

(a) **SENSE OF THE SENATE-** It is the sense of the Senate that States and local jurisdictions should aggressively enforce statutory rape laws.

(b) **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM ON STATUTORY RAPE-** Not later than January 1, 1997, the Attorney General shall establish and implement a program that--

(1) studies the linkage between statutory rape and teenage pregnancy, particularly by predatory older men committing repeat offenses; and

(2) educates State and local criminal law enforcement officials on the prevention and prosecution of statutory rape, focusing in particular on the commission of statutory rape by predatory older men committing repeat offenses, and any links to teenage pregnancy.

(c) **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INITIATIVE-** The Attorney General shall ensure that the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women initiative addresses the issue of statutory rape, particularly the commission of statutory rape by predatory older men committing repeat offenses.