

Chelsea's Law Unanimously Approved by Senate Appropriations



With your help today, **Chelsea's Law** received the unanimous support of the State Senate Appropriations Committee. This is great news for every California family. *Chelsea's Law* has only two more hurdles to clear before heading to Governor Schwarzenegger's desk for final approval.

Chelsea's Law has been strengthened and expanded over the past few months to take California's public safety system in a bold new direction. In addition to the cornerstone of *Chelsea's Law* - **the one-strike life sentence for the most dangerous sex offenders who target children**, a criminal containment model and dynamic risk assessment tool have been added to empower our communities and law enforcement professionals. These changes will fundamentally reform the way California protects the innocent from violent sexual predators.

Specifically, *Chelsea's Law* includes:

1. **A One-Strike Penalty:** a true life sentence without the possibility of parole for the most dangerous sexual offenders;
2. **Increased prison sentences** for forcible sex crimes;
3. **Increased parole terms** for those who target children under the age of 14;
4. A **ban** to keep sex offenders out of parks where children play;
5. A **first-in-the-nation** containment model and dynamic risk assessment tool;
6. A requirement that Megan's Law **publicly list** sex offenders' risk assessment scores; and
7. A revision of the California mentally disordered offender laws to provide for **continued detention of offenders** where evaluation and assessment show such to be necessary.



After months of hard work, countless volunteer hours and support from a coalition of thousands, we are nearing the end. But every step of the way, we think about who this is for. Chelsea King was exceptional, an academic and athletic talent with a bright future and so much to offer the world. We continue to push forward in her memory, and we won't stop until *Chelsea's Law* is signed.

Thank you for bringing us this far. We'll keep you updated as *Chelsea's Law* heads to the Senate Floor for its next key vote.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher