

Jessica Lunsford's father campaigns her law in Raleigh

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North Carolina may join the list of states with harsher penalties for some sex offenders.

Mark Lunsford, father of 9-year-old murder victim Jessica Lunsford, was in Raleigh Wednesday campaigning for the Jessica Lunsford Act, or Jessica's Law, which would give persons convicted of lewd acts towards children minimum sentences of 25 years to life in prison without parole. Currently, people convicted of sex crimes against children face a minimum of 12 years. According to Avery County Representative Phillip Frye, a sponsor of the bill, such legislation is necessary for North Carolina. "We need to protect our children," Frye said.