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## Sen. Loudon Applauds General Assembly's Boost to Child-Protection Cyber Crime Fund

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JEFFERSON CITY – The General Assembly today passed legislation ([Senate Bill 932](#)) sponsored by Sen. John Loudon (R-Chesterfield) that creates the Cyber Crimes Investigation Fund. The new fund will provide \$3 million per year for the existing Internet Cyber Crime Grant (ICCG) program that targets Internet predators and pornographers who attempt to lure and sexually exploit children.

“I am extremely pleased the General Assembly agreed to fully fund this enormously successful program that has proven time and time again that it is working,” Sen. Loudon said. “Since the grant program began, the number of arrests of cyber predators has quadrupled, and law enforcement officers indicate they have only scratched the surface of this growing problem.”

The Department of Public Safety will administer the funding, which is set to begin in 2010. The measure allows funds used for investigating Internet sex crimes against children to now also include an allocation for training prosecuting and circuit attorneys.

“Our purpose is to provide law enforcement officials with every available resource to protect our children from sexual predators,” Sen. Loudon said. “This funding will allow us to complete a statewide wall of protection of cyber detectives standing between sexual predators and our kids.”

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