

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BROWN (Sponsor), QUINN, YATES, COOPER (120), ERVIN, THRELKELD, SUTHERLAND, STEFANICK, ICET, BAKER, SCHNEIDER, LEMBKE, ENGLER, JOLLY, BRINGER, MEINERS, DOUGHERTY, WITTE AND DAVIS (122) (Co-sponsors).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 568.045, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 568.045, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 568.045, to read as follows:

568.045. 1. A person commits the crime of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree if:

(1) The person knowingly acts in a manner that creates a substantial risk to the life, body, or health of a child less than seventeen years old; or

(2) The person knowingly engages in sexual conduct with a person under the age of seventeen years over whom the person is a parent, guardian, or otherwise charged with the care and custody;

(3) The person knowingly encourages, aids or causes a child less than seventeen years of age to engage in any conduct which violates the provisions of chapter 195, RSMo;

(4) Such person enlists the aid, either through payment or coercion, of a person less than seventeen years of age to unlawfully manufacture, compound, produce, prepare, sell, transport, test or analyze amphetamine or methamphetamine or any of their analogues, or to obtain any material used to manufacture, compound, produce, prepare, test or analyze amphetamine or methamphetamine or any of their analogues; [or]

(5) Such person, in the presence of a person less than seventeen years of age, unlawfully

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.**

16 manufactures, compounds, produces, prepares, sells, transports, tests or analyzes amphetamine  
17 or methamphetamine or any of their analogues; or

18 **(6) The person operates a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated or drugged**  
19 **condition, as defined pursuant to chapter 577, RSMo, and there is a person less than**  
20 **seventeen years of age in the motor vehicle.**

21 2. Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree is a class C felony unless the  
22 offense is committed as part of a ritual or ceremony, or except on a second or subsequent  
23 offense, in which case the crime is a class B felony.