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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS (23) (Sponsor), LeVOTA, MEADOWS, WILDBERGER,
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AN ACT

To repeal section 568.045, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Karra's law, with penalty provisions.

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Section A. Section 568.045, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 568.045, to read as follows: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

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

15 (5) Such person, in the presence of a person less than seventeen years of age or in a
16 residence where a person less than seventeen years of age resides, unlawfully manufactures, or
17 attempts to manufacture compounds, produces, prepares, sells, transports, tests or analyzes
18 amphetamine or methamphetamine or any of their analogues.

19 **2. Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section** endangering the welfare of a child
20 in the first degree is a class C felony unless the offense is committed as part of a ritual or
21 ceremony, or except on a second or subsequent offense, in which case the crime is a class B
22 felony.

23 **3. Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree when committed under**
24 **subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section, and when the manner in which such person**
25 **acts to create a substantial risk to the life, body, or health of a child is by shaking a child**
26 **under the age of five by the arms, legs, chest, or shoulders, is a felony for which the**
27 **authorized term of imprisonment is any term of years but not less than fifteen years.**

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