

HCS SB 250 -- SEXUAL OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: Kehoe (Schad)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 11 to 2.

Currently, any person who, since July 1, 1979, has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, been convicted of, or been found guilty of certain specified sexual offenses is prohibited from residing within 1,000 feet of certain public schools, private schools, or child care facilities. This substitute specifies that a child care facility includes any licensed child care facility or any facility which is exempt from licensure but subject to state fire, safety, health, and sanitation inspections.

The substitute also requires a person incarcerated for a sexual assault offense to successfully complete all treatment, education, and rehabilitation programs provided by the Department of Corrections prior to being eligible for parole or conditional release.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies a provision that sometimes has been misinterpreted and allows the Division of Probation and Parole to require people to remain in confinement until finishing the Missouri Sex Offender Program. The bill also clarifies that an offender is prohibited from living near any non-licensed child care facility as well as any licensed facility.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Kehoe; and Department of Corrections.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.