HB 500 -- PUBLIC SERVICE PROTECTION ACT OF 2015

SPONSOR: Peters

This bill establishes the "Public Service Protection Act of 2015."
An individual who assaults, kidnaps, or murders, or attempts or
conspires to kidnap or murder, or threatens to assault, kidnap, or
murder an officer of the state or an officer of the state's family
with intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the officer
while engaged in the performance of official duties or with intent
to retaliate against the officer on account of the performance of
official duties, or any former officer of this state or former
officer's family with the intent to retaliate against the former
officer on account of the performance of official duties during the
term of service of the former officer is guilty of the applicable
offense under Chapter 565, RSMo, and must be subject to the
specified enhanced punishments.

Any person who knowingly conveys or delivers any letter, paper,
writing, print, missive, or document containing any threat to take
the life of, to kidnap, or to inflict bodily harm or who knowingly
makes any such threat on an officer of the state or an officer's
family with intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the
officer while engaged in the performance of official duties or with
intent to retaliate against the officer on account of the
performance of official duties, or any former officer of this state
or former officer's family with the intent to retaliate against the
former officer on account of the performance of official duties
during the term of service of the former officer is guilty of a
class D felony until December 31, 2016, and a class E felony
beginning January 1, 2017.

Currently, a person commits the crime of tampering with a judicial
officer if they commit certain specified acts with the purpose to
harass, intimidate, or influence the officer in the performance of
their official duties. This bill repeals that crime and creates
the crime of tampering with an officer of the state, a class C
felony until December 31, 2016, and a class D felony beginning
January 1, 2017.