

HCS HB 1562 -- SEXUAL TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD

SPONSOR: Haahr

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill adds knowingly advertising a specified minor to participate in a commercial sex act, performance, or the production of explicit sexual material to the offenses of sexual trafficking of a child in the first degree, sexual trafficking of a child in the second degree, sexual trafficking of a child, and sexual trafficking of a child under the age of 12.

The bill adds the advertising element to the offense of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

This bill is the same as HB 152 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill prohibits the advertising of victims of human trafficking and is modeled after the federal SAVE act.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Haahr; Office Of The Child Advocate; Missouri Kids First; Missouri Children's Leadership Council; Attorney General's Office; Missouri Catholic Conference; Missouri Sheriffs Association; Missouri Coalition Of Children Agencies; and Empower Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.