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AN ACT

To repeal section 565.084, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to tampering with a judicial officer, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 565.084, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 565.084, to read as follows:

565.084. 1. A person commits the crime of tampering with a judicial officer if, with the purpose to harass, intimidate, or influence a judicial officer in the performance of such officer's official duties, [he] **the actor**:

(1) Threatens or causes harm to such judicial officer or members of such judicial officer's family;

(2) Uses force, threats, or deception against or toward such judicial officer or members of such judicial officer's family;

(3) Offers, conveys or agrees to convey any benefit direct or indirect upon such judicial officer or such judicial officer's family;

(4) Engages in conduct reasonably calculated to harass or alarm such judicial officer or such judicial officer's family, including stalking pursuant to section 565.225.

2. A judicial officer for purposes of this section shall be a judge, arbitrator, special master, juvenile court commissioner, **juvenile court officer, drug court commissioner, family court commissioner**, state probation or parole officer[, or referee].

3. A judicial officer's family for purposes of this section shall be:

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 new proposed language.

- 16 (1) [His] **The officer** spouse; or
- 17 (2) [His or his] **The officer's or the officer's** spouse's ancestor or descendant by blood
- 18 or adoption; or
- 19 (3) [His] **The officer's** stepchild, while the marriage creating that relationship exists.
- 20 4. Tampering with a judicial officer is a class C felony.