

## HB 995 -- Sex Offenders

Sponsor: Dusenberg

This bill expands the definition of a prior sex offender from a person who has previously been found guilty of an offense contained in Chapter 566, RSMo, to include a person who has pled guilty to these offenses or has pled or been found guilty of incest involving sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse and child endangerment in which the offender is engaging in sexual conduct with a child for whom he or she is the parent, guardian, or is otherwise charged with the care of the child.

The bill specifies that the authorized term of imprisonment for any crime of rape, statutory rape, sexual assault, forcible sodomy, statutory sodomy, child molestation in the first degree, deviate sexual assault, sexual misconduct in the second degree, sexual abuse, and endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree where the offender is older than 18 years of age and the victim is younger than 12 will be not less than 25 and not greater than 50 years without eligibility for probation, parole, or release except by an act of the Governor.

The crimes of tampering with electronic monitoring equipment and aiding a sexual offender are also created.