

HB 1290 -- Sexual Offenders

Sponsor: Schaaf

This bill changes the laws regarding sexual offenses. The bill:

(1) Increases the penalty for a person found to be a persistent sexual offender from a minimum 30 years' imprisonment to life imprisonment without eligibility for probation or parole;

(2) Lowers the victim's age from younger than 14 years of age to younger than 13 and increases the penalty from a minimum of five years' imprisonment to a minimum of 25 years with lifetime supervision for the crimes of statutory rape in the first degree and statutory sodomy in the first degree;

(3) Reclassifies the crimes of statutory rape in the second degree and statutory sodomy in the second degree to be that of statutory rape in the third degree and statutory sodomy in the third degree and creates new requirements for the crimes of statutory rape in the second degree and statutory sodomy in the second degree. Statutory rape in the second degree is committed when a person has sexual intercourse with a person younger than 15 years of age. Statutory sodomy in the second degree is committed when a person has deviate sexual intercourse with a person younger than 15 years of age. These crimes will be class B felonies;

(4) Eliminates the crime of attempting to entice a child;

(5) Changes the crime of sexual trafficking of a child from a class A felony to a term of a minimum of 15 years' imprisonment; and

(6) Allows any law enforcement agency investigating a missing child report to search for the missing child in the home or other property of a registered sexual offender whose home or property is within a three-mile radius from where the child was last seen or thought to have been seen.