

HB 1108 -- Child Endangerment

Sponsor: Pratt

This bill, known as Hope's Law, requires any person who knowingly encourages, aids, or causes a child younger than 17 years of age to violate any provision in Chapter 195, RSMo; who enlists the aid of any child younger than 17 years of age to manufacture, compound, produce, prepare, sell, transport, test, or analyze methamphetamine; or who manufactures, compounds, produces, prepares, sells, transports, tests, or analyzes methamphetamine will be arrested and held for 24 hours if the person is the child's caregiver. If the person possesses an amount of a controlled substance that would require the person to be charged with a felony, the person must submit to a drug recognition expert evaluation. The results of the evaluation will be submitted to the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services to evaluate the person's ability to remain the victim's caregiver.