

HCS HB 1151 -- SEXUAL OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: Evans

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill removes an exemption from registration on the Sexual Offender Registry when a registrant is no longer required to register and his or her name must be removed from the registry under the provisions of Section 589.414, RSMo.

The bill also removes sexual misconduct involving a child under Section 566.083, if it is a first offense and the punishment is less than one year, from Tier I of the registry. A first offense of sexual misconduct involving a child under Section 566.083, whether a misdemeanor or felony, remains on Tier II of the registry. It also changes sexual abuse in the second degree, child molestation in the second degree as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, and sexual conduct with a nursing facility resident or vulnerable person in the first degree on Tier I of the registry from when the punishment is less than a year to if the offense is a misdemeanor. Additionally, the bill adds certain offenses to Tier I and certain offenses to Tier II.

The bill also specifies that an offender subject to lifetime supervision moves to a different state under an interstate compact, the person may stay in the receiving state and the Parole Board must defer to the standards and supervision of the receiving state. If the person ever returns to Missouri for more than 30 consecutive days, the offender will be subject to Missouri's lifetime supervision laws.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this legislation is meant to correct and clarify language regarding the registration of sexual offenders that was passed last year.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Evans.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.