

HB 1996 -- DRUG OFFENSES

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Currently, a person commits the offense of distribution of a controlled substance in a protected location if he or she knowingly distributes, sells, or delivers any controlled substance, other than up to 35 grams of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoid, to a person of any age and satisfies other factors of the offense. This bill amends the offense to apply to offenders who are 22 years old or older and the distribution must be to a person who is under 22 years old.

The bill also amends the offense of manufacture of a controlled substance when it is a class B felony. Currently, the offense is a class B felony when a person manufactures or attempts to manufacture a controlled substance when it is committed within 2000 feet of a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school or a community college or university. This bill adds that the offender was at least 22 years old and involved a person under 22 years old in the commission of the offense.

Finally, the bill amends the offense of trafficking drugs in the first degree when a person commits the offense and the quantity involved is more than 30 grams of certain illegal substances and the substance is distributed in certain protected locations. Under this bill, to be an offense, the provision requires the person distributing the substances to be at least 22 years old and the distribution must be to a person under the age of 22.

This bill is similar to SB 1232 (2024).