

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2450

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FUCHS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 67.2540, 67.2552, 99.103, 188.028, 191.656, 191.668, 210.110, 210.118, 210.145, 210.156, 226.531, 513.605, 545.940, 566.103, 566.223, 567.010, 567.020, 567.030, 567.050, 567.060, 567.070, 567.080, 567.085, 567.087, 567.089, 567.090, 567.100, 567.110, 567.120, 573.503, 573.525, 573.531, 577.675, 578.421, 589.400, 589.414, 595.120, and 610.131, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-seven new sections relating to sexual conduct offenses, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 67.2540, 67.2552, 99.103, 188.028, 191.656, 191.668, 210.110, 210.118, 210.145, 210.156, 226.531, 513.605, 545.940, 566.103, 566.223, 567.010, 567.020, 567.030, 567.050, 567.060, 567.070, 567.080, 567.085, 567.087, 567.089, 567.090, 567.100, 567.110, 567.120, 573.503, 573.525, 573.531, 577.675, 578.421, 589.400, 589.414, 595.120, and 610.131, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-seven new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.2540, 67.2552, 99.103, 188.028, 191.656, 191.668, 210.110, 210.118, 210.145, 210.156, 226.531, 513.605, 545.940, 566.103, 566.223, 567.010, 567.016, 567.080, 573.503, 573.525, 573.531, 577.675, 578.421, 589.400, 589.414, 595.120, and 610.131, to read as follows:

67.2540. As used in sections 67.2540 to 67.2556, the following terms mean:

2       (1) "Adult cabaret", a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar establishment in which  
3 persons regularly appear in a state of nudity, as defined in section 573.500, or seminudity in  
4 the performance of their duties;

5       (2) "Employee", a person who is at least twenty-one years of age and who performs  
6 any service on the premises of a sexually oriented business on a full-time, part-time, or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

7 contract basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent  
8 contractor, agent, or otherwise, and whether or not said person is paid a salary, wage, or other  
9 compensation by the operator of said business. The term employee does not include a person  
10 exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or equipment on the  
11 premises, or for the delivery of goods to the premises;

12 (3) "Nudity" or a "state of nudity", the showing of the human male or female genitals,  
13 pubic area, vulva, anus, anal cleft or anal cleavage with less than a fully opaque covering, the  
14 showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple,  
15 or the showing of the covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state;

16 (4) "Nuisance", any place in or upon which lewdness, assignation, or ~~prostitution~~  
17 **commercial sexual exploitation** is conducted, permitted, continued, or exists, or any place,  
18 in or upon which lewd, indecent, lascivious, or obscene films, or films designed to be  
19 projected for exhibition, are photographed, manufactured, developed, screened, exhibited, or  
20 otherwise prepared or shown, and the personal property and contents used in conducting and  
21 maintaining any such place for any such purpose. The provisions of this section shall not  
22 affect any newspaper, magazine, or other publication entered as second class matter by the  
23 post office department;

24 (5) "Person", an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or  
25 other legal entity;

26 (6) "Seminude" or in a "seminude condition", a state of dress in which opaque  
27 clothing fails to cover the genitals, anus, anal cleft or cleavage, pubic area, vulva, nipple and  
28 areola of the female breast below a horizontal line across the top of the areola at its highest  
29 point. Seminudity shall include the entire lower portion of the female breast, but shall not  
30 include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breast exhibited by wearing apparel  
31 provided the areola is not exposed in whole or part;

32 (7) "Sexually oriented business", an adult cabaret or any business which offers its  
33 patrons goods of which a substantial or significant portion are sexually oriented material. It  
34 shall be presumed that a business that derives thirty percent or less of its revenue from  
35 sexually oriented materials is presumed not to be a sexually oriented business. No building,  
36 premises, structure, or other facility that contains any sexually oriented business shall contain  
37 any other kind of sexually oriented business;

38 (8) "Sexually oriented materials", any pictorial or three-dimensional material, or film,  
39 motion picture, DVD, video cassette, or similar photographic reproduction, that depicts  
40 nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse, as defined in section  
41 573.010;

42 (9) "Specified criminal activity" includes the following offenses:

43 (a) Prostitution or promotion of prostitution **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026**;  
44 **commercial sexual exploitation**; dissemination of obscenity; sale, distribution, or display of  
45 harmful material to a minor; sexual performance by a child; possession or distribution of child  
46 pornography; public lewdness; indecent exposure; indecency with a child; engaging in  
47 organized criminal activity; sexual assault; molestation of a child; gambling prohibited under  
48 Missouri law; or distribution of a controlled substance; or any similar offenses described in  
49 this subdivision under the criminal or penal code of other states or countries;

50 (b) For which:

51           a. Less than two years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release  
52 from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is  
53 of a misdemeanor offense;

54           b. Less than five years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release  
55 from confinement for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a  
56 felony offense; or

57           c. Less than five years have elapsed since the date of the last conviction or the date of  
58 release from confinement for the last conviction, whichever is the later date, if the convictions  
59 are of two or more misdemeanor offenses or combination of misdemeanor offenses occurring  
60 within any twenty-four-month period;

61 (c) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall not prevent a sexually oriented  
62 business from being considered a nuisance and closed under section 67.2546;

63 (10) "Specified sexual activities" includes the following acts:

64 (a) The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks,  
65 anus, or female breasts;

66 (b) Sex acts, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, masturbation,  
67 or sodomy; or

68 (c) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth  
69 in this subdivision.

67.2552. 1. It shall be a class A misdemeanor for a person, in a sexually oriented  
2 business, to knowingly and intentionally appear in a state of nudity or depict, simulate, or  
3 perform specified sexual activities.

4        2. It shall be a class A misdemeanor for a person to appear knowingly or intentionally  
5 in a sexually oriented business in a seminude condition unless the person is an employee who,  
6 while seminude, shall be at least ten feet from any patron or customer and on a stage at least  
7 two feet from the floor and behind a railing no less than twenty-four inches in height.

8           3. It shall be a class A misdemeanor for an employee, while seminude, to touch a  
9 customer or the clothing of a customer.

10       4. It shall be a class A misdemeanor if a person knowingly allows on the premises of  
11 a sexually oriented business a person under the age of twenty-one years, except for a person  
12 exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or equipment on the  
13 premises, or for the delivery of goods to the premises.

14       5. The provisions of sections 67.2540 to 67.2552 are designed to protect the  
15 following public policy interest of this state, including but not limited to: to mitigate the  
16 adverse secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses, to limit harm to minors, and to  
17 reduce **[prostitution] commercial sexual exploitation**, crime, juvenile delinquency,  
18 deterioration in property values and lethargy in neighborhood improvement efforts.

99.103. 1. In addition to the duties imposed by section 99.100, no housing authority  
2 in any city with a population of four hundred thousand or more inhabitants, and whose  
3 jurisdiction covers more than one county, shall rent or lease accommodations to any person  
4 who, within the preceding five years, has been convicted of **[a crime] an offense** involving  
5 prostitution **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026, commercial sexual exploitation**, or the  
6 possession or sale of controlled substances listed in schedule I and II of section 195.017, or  
7 whose dwelling unit is known to have been the site of **[crimes] offenses** involving prostitution  
8 **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026, commercial sexual exploitation**, or the possession or  
9 sale of controlled substances listed in schedule I and II of section 195.017.

10       2. If a family which is living in accommodations rented or leased by the housing  
11 authority becomes ineligible for such accommodations because a member of that family was  
12 convicted of a crime listed in subsection 1 of this section, the remaining members of such  
13 family may reapply to the board of commissioners of the housing authority for  
14 accommodations.

188.028. 1. Except in the case of a medical emergency, no person shall knowingly  
2 perform or induce an abortion upon a pregnant woman under the age of eighteen years unless:

3           (1) The attending physician has secured the informed written consent of the minor  
4 and one parent or guardian, and the consenting parent or guardian of the minor has notified  
5 any other custodial parent in writing prior to the securing of the informed written consent of  
6 the minor and one parent or guardian. For purposes of this subdivision, "custodial parent"  
7 shall only mean a parent of a minor who has been awarded joint legal custody or joint  
8 physical custody of such minor by a court of competent jurisdiction. Notice shall not be  
9 required for any parent:

10           (a) Who has been found guilty of any offense in violation of chapter 565, relating to  
11 offenses against the person; chapter 566, relating to sexual offenses; chapter 567, relating to  
12 prostitution **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026, or commercial sexual exploitation**;  
13 chapter 568, relating to offenses against the family; or chapter 573, related to pornography  
14 and related offenses, if a child was a victim;

15 (b) Who has been found guilty of any offense in any other state or foreign country, or  
16 under federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction if a child was a victim, which would be a  
17 violation of chapters 565, 566, 567, 568, or 573 if committed in this state;

18 (c) Who is listed on the sexual offender registry under sections 589.400 to 589.425;

19 (d) Against whom an order of protection has been issued, including a foreign order of  
20 protection given full faith and credit in this state under section 455.067;

21 (e) Whose custodial, parental, or guardianship rights have been terminated by a court  
22 of competent jurisdiction; or

23 (f) Whose whereabouts are unknown after reasonable inquiry, who is a fugitive from  
24 justice, who is habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition, or who has been declared  
25 mentally incompetent or incapacitated by a court of competent jurisdiction;

26 (2) The minor is emancipated and the attending physician has received the informed  
27 written consent of the minor;

28 (3) The minor has been granted the right to self-consent to the abortion by court order  
29 pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, and the attending physician has received the informed  
30 written consent of the minor; or

31 (4) The minor has been granted consent to the abortion by court order, and the court  
32 has given its informed written consent in accordance with subsection 2 of this section, and the  
33 minor is having the abortion willingly, in compliance with subsection 3 of this section.

34           2. The right of a minor to self-consent to an abortion under subdivision (3) of  
35 subsection 1 of this section or court consent under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this  
36 section may be granted by a court pursuant to the following procedures:

50 (2) A hearing on the merits of the petition, to be held on the record, shall be held as  
51 soon as possible within five days of the filing of the petition. If any party is unable to afford

52 counsel, the court shall appoint counsel at least twenty-four hours before the time of the  
53 hearing. At the hearing, the court shall hear evidence relating to the emotional development,  
54 maturity, intellect and understanding of the minor; the nature, possible consequences, and  
55 alternatives to the abortion; and any other evidence that the court may find useful in  
56 determining whether the minor should be granted majority rights for the purpose of  
57 consenting to the abortion or whether the abortion is in the best interests of the minor;

58 (3) In the decree, the court shall for good cause:

59 (a) Grant the petition for majority rights for the purpose of consenting to the abortion;

60 (b) Find the abortion to be in the best interests of the minor and give judicial consent  
61 to the abortion, setting forth the grounds for so finding; or

62 (c) Deny the petition, setting forth the grounds on which the petition is denied;

63 (4) If the petition is allowed, the informed consent of the minor, pursuant to a court  
64 grant of majority rights, or the judicial consent, shall bar an action by the parents or guardian  
65 of the minor on the grounds of battery of the minor by those performing or inducing the  
66 abortion. The immunity granted shall only extend to the performance or induction of the  
67 abortion in accordance herewith and any necessary accompanying services which are  
68 performed in a competent manner. The costs of the action shall be borne by the parties;

69 (5) An appeal from an order issued under the provisions of this section may be taken  
70 to the court of appeals of this state by the minor or by a parent or guardian of the minor. The  
71 notice of intent to appeal shall be given within twenty-four hours from the date of issuance of  
72 the order. The record on appeal shall be completed and the appeal shall be perfected within  
73 five days from the filing of notice to appeal. Because time may be of the essence regarding  
74 the performance or induction of the abortion, the supreme court of this state shall, by court  
75 rule, provide for expedited appellate review of cases appealed under this section.

76 3. If a minor desires an abortion, then she shall be orally informed of and, if possible,  
77 sign the written consent required under this chapter in the same manner as an adult person.  
78 No abortion shall be performed or induced on any minor against her will, except that an  
79 abortion may be performed or induced against the will of a minor pursuant to a court order  
80 described in subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section that the abortion is necessary to  
81 preserve the life of the minor.

191.656. 1. (1) All information known to, and records containing any information  
2 held or maintained by, any person, or by any agency, department, or political subdivision of  
3 the state concerning an individual's HIV infection status or the results of any individual's HIV  
4 testing shall be strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed except to:

5 (a) Public employees within the agency, department, or political subdivision who  
6 need to know to perform their public duties;

7       (b) Public employees of other agencies, departments, or political subdivisions who  
8 need to know to perform their public duties;

9       (c) Peace officers, as defined in section 590.100, the attorney general or any assistant  
10 attorneys general acting on his or her behalf, as defined in chapter 27, and prosecuting  
11 attorneys or circuit attorneys as defined in chapter 56 and pursuant to section 191.657;

12       (d) Prosecuting attorneys or circuit attorneys as defined in chapter 56 to prosecute  
13 cases pursuant to section 191.677 or 567.020 **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026.**  
14 Prosecuting attorneys or circuit attorneys may obtain from the department of health and  
15 senior services the contact information and test results of individuals with whom the HIV-  
16 infected individual has had sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse. Any prosecuting  
17 attorney or circuit attorney who receives information from the department of health and  
18 senior services pursuant to the provisions of this section shall use such information only for  
19 investigative and prosecutorial purposes and such information shall be considered strictly  
20 confidential and shall only be released as authorized by this section;

21       (e) Persons other than public employees who are entrusted with the regular care of  
22 those under the care and custody of a state agency, including but not limited to operators of  
23 day care facilities, group homes, residential care facilities and adoptive or foster parents;

24       (f) As authorized by subsection 2 of this section;

25       (g) Victims of any sexual offense defined in chapter 566, which includes sexual  
26 intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse, as an element of the crime or to a victim of a section  
27 545.940 offense, in which the court, for good cause shown, orders the defendant to be tested  
28 for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydia, once the charge is filed.  
29 Prosecuting attorneys or circuit attorneys, or the department of health and senior services may  
30 release information to such victims;

31       (h) Any individual who has tested positive or false positive to HIV, hepatitis B,  
32 hepatitis C, syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydia, may request copies of any and all test results  
33 relating to said infections.

34       (2) Further disclosure by public employees shall be governed by subsections 2 and 3  
35 of this section;

36       (3) Disclosure by a public employee or any other person in violation of this section  
37 may be subject to civil actions brought under subsection 6 of this section, unless otherwise  
38 required by chapter 330, 332, 334, or 335, pursuant to discipline taken by a state licensing  
39 board.

40       2. (1) Unless the person acted in bad faith or with conscious disregard, no person  
41 shall be liable for violating any duty or right of confidentiality established by law for  
42 disclosing the results of an individual's HIV testing:

43       (a) To the department of health and senior services;

44 (b) To health care personnel working directly with the infected individual who have a  
45 reasonable need to know the results for the purpose of providing direct patient health care;

46 (c) Pursuant to the written authorization of the subject of the test result or results;

47 (d) To the spouse of the subject of the test result or results;

48 (e) To the subject of the test result or results;

49 (f) To the parent or legal guardian or custodian of the subject of the testing, if he is an  
50 unemancipated minor;

51 (g) To the victim of any sexual offense defined in chapter 566, which includes sexual  
52 intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse, as an element of the crime or to a victim of a section  
53 545.940 offense, in which the court, for good cause shown, orders the defendant to be tested  
54 for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydia, once the charge is filed;

55 (h) To employees of a state licensing board in the execution of their duties under  
56 chapter 330, 332, 334, or 335 pursuant to discipline taken by a state licensing board;

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58 The department of health and senior services and its employees shall not be held liable for  
59 disclosing an HIV-infected person's HIV status to individuals with whom that person had  
60 sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse;

61 (2) Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be construed  
62 in any court to impose any duty on a person to disclose the results of an individual's HIV  
63 testing to a spouse or health care professional or other potentially exposed person, parent or  
64 guardian;

65 (3) No person to whom the results of an individual's HIV testing has been disclosed  
66 pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall further disclose  
67 such results; except that prosecuting attorneys or circuit attorneys may disclose such  
68 information to defense attorneys defending actions pursuant to section 191.677 or 567.020 as  
69 **it existed prior to August 28, 2026**, under the rules of discovery, or jurors or court personnel  
70 hearing cases pursuant to section 191.677 or 567.020 **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026**.

71 Such information shall not be used or disclosed for any other purpose;

72 (4) When the results of HIV testing, disclosed pursuant to paragraph (b) of  
73 subdivision (1) of this subsection, are included in the medical record of the patient who is  
74 subject to the test, the inclusion is not a disclosure for purposes of such paragraph so long as  
75 such medical record is afforded the same confidentiality protection afforded other medical  
76 records.

77 3. All communications between the subject of HIV testing and a physician, hospital,  
78 or other person authorized by the department of health and senior services who performs or  
79 conducts HIV sampling shall be privileged communications.

80       4. The identity of any individual participating in a research project approved by an  
81 institutional review board shall not be reported to the department of health and senior services  
82 by the physician conducting the research project.

83       5. The subject of HIV testing who is found to have HIV infection and is aware of his  
84 or her HIV status shall disclose such information to any health care professional from whom  
85 such person receives health care services. Said notification shall be made prior to receiving  
86 services from such health care professional if the HIV-infected person is medically capable of  
87 conveying that information or as soon as he or she becomes capable of conveying that  
88 information.

89       6. Any individual aggrieved by a violation of this section or regulations promulgated  
90 by the department of health and senior services may bring a civil action for damages. If it is  
91 found in a civil action that:

92           (1) A person has negligently violated this section, the person is liable, for each  
93 violation, for:

94           (a) The greater of actual damages or liquidated damages of one thousand dollars; and  
95           (b) Court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the person bringing the  
96 action; and

97           (c) Such other relief, including injunctive relief, as the court may deem appropriate;  
98 or

99           (2) A person has willfully or intentionally or recklessly violated this section, the  
100 person is liable, for each violation, for:

101           (a) The greater of actual damages or liquidated damages of five thousand dollars; and  
102           (b) Exemplary damages; and

103           (c) Court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the person bringing the  
104 action; and

105           (d) Such other relief, including injunctive relief, as the court may deem appropriate.

106       7. No civil liability shall accrue to any health care provider as a result of making a  
107 good faith report to the department of health and senior services about a person reasonably  
108 believed to be infected with HIV, or cooperating in good faith with the department in an  
109 investigation determining whether a court order directing an individual to undergo HIV  
110 testing will be sought, or in participating in good faith in any judicial proceeding resulting  
111 from such a report or investigations; and any person making such a report, or cooperating  
112 with such an investigation or participating in such a judicial proceeding, shall be immune  
113 from civil liability as a result of such actions so long as taken in good faith.

191.668. 1. The department of health and senior services shall prepare public  
2 education and awareness plans and programs for the general public, and the department of  
3 elementary and secondary education shall prepare educational programs for public schools,

4 regarding means of transmission and prevention and treatment of the HIV virus. The plans  
5 and programs shall include, but not be limited to:

6       (1) Medically correct, age specific, transmission and prevention programs for use at  
7 the discretion of the public schools beginning with students at the sixth grade level. The  
8 educational programs shall stress moral responsibility in and restraint from sexual activity  
9 and avoidance of controlled substance use whereby HIV can be transmitted;

10       (2) Risk reduction programs for specific populations at high risk of HIV infection;

11       (3) Educational programs on transmission and prevention of HIV infection in the  
12 workplace for use by employers;

13       (4) Personal protection procedures for use by health care providers and others in close  
14 contact with potentially infected individuals;

15       (5) General public information programs and circulars containing factual information  
16 that will allow the public at large to assess its risk and develop informed individual judgment  
17 and behavior. The department shall prepare for free distribution among the residents of the  
18 state printed information concerning the means of transmission of the HIV virus, the dangers  
19 from HIV infection, means of prevention, and the necessity for testing; and

20       (6) Develop presentations for community service and school organizations describing  
21 the medical and psychosocial aspects of HIV infection, including information on how  
22 infection is transmitted and can be prevented.

23       2. None of the plans, programs or printed information prepared or provided under this  
24 section shall promote behavior that is an offense in violation of chapter 566 concerning sexual  
25 offenses; is an offense involving the use of a controlled substance as defined in chapter 195; is  
26 an offense in violation of section 568.020 concerning incest; or is an offense in violation of  
27 any city, county or state law prohibiting prostitution or patronizing prostitution **as it existed**  
28 **prior to August 28, 2026, or commercial sexual exploitation.**

210.110. As used in sections 210.109 to 210.165, and sections 210.180 to 210.183,  
2 the following terms mean:

3       (1) "Abuse", any physical injury, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse inflicted on a child  
4 other than by accidental means by those responsible for the child's care, custody, and control,  
5 except that discipline including spanking, administered in a reasonable manner, shall not be  
6 construed to be abuse. Victims of abuse shall also include any victims of sex trafficking or  
7 severe forms of trafficking as those terms are defined in 22 U.S.C. Section 7102, as amended;

8       (2) "Assessment and treatment services for children", an approach to be developed by  
9 the children's division which will recognize and treat the specific needs of at-risk and abused  
10 or neglected children. The developmental and medical assessment may be a broad physical,  
11 developmental, and mental health screening to be completed within thirty days of a child's  
12 entry into custody and in accordance with the periodicity schedule set forth by the American

13 Academy of Pediatrics thereafter as long as the child remains in care. Screenings may be  
14 offered at a centralized location and include, at a minimum, the following:

15 (a) Complete physical to be performed by a pediatrician familiar with the effects of  
16 abuse and neglect on young children;

17 (b) Developmental, behavioral, and emotional screening in addition to early periodic  
18 screening, diagnosis, and treatment services, including a core set of standardized and  
19 recognized instruments as well as interviews with the child and appropriate caregivers. The  
20 screening battery may be performed by a licensed mental health professional familiar with the  
21 effects of abuse and neglect on young children, who will then serve as the liaison between all  
22 service providers in ensuring that needed services are provided. Such treatment services may  
23 include in-home services, out-of-home placement, intensive twenty-four-hour treatment  
24 services, family counseling, parenting training and other best practices.

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26 Children whose screenings indicate an area of concern may complete a comprehensive, in-  
27 depth health, psychodiagnostic, or developmental assessment within sixty days of entry into  
28 custody;

29 (3) "Central registry", a registry of persons where the division has found probable  
30 cause to believe prior to August 28, 2004, or by a preponderance of the evidence after August  
31 28, 2004, or a court has substantiated through court adjudication that the individual has  
32 committed child abuse or neglect or the person has pled guilty or has been found guilty of a  
33 crime pursuant to section 565.020, 565.021, 565.023, 565.024, 565.050, 566.030, 566.060,  
34 ~~[or]~~ **567.050 as it existed prior to August 28, 2026**, if the victim is a child less than eighteen  
35 years of age, **or 567.016 if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age**, or any other  
36 crime pursuant to chapter 566 if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age and the  
37 perpetrator is twenty-one years of age or older, a crime under section 568.020, 568.030,  
38 568.045, 568.050, 568.060, 568.080, 568.090, 573.023, 573.025, 573.035, 573.037, 573.040,  
39 573.200, or 573.205, or an attempt to commit any such crimes. Any persons placed on the  
40 registry prior to August 28, 2004, shall remain on the registry for the duration of time  
41 required by section 210.152;

42 (4) "Child", any person, regardless of physical or mental condition, under eighteen  
43 years of age;

44 (5) "Children's services providers and agencies", any public, quasi-public, or private  
45 entity with the appropriate and relevant training and expertise in delivering services to  
46 children and their families as determined by the children's division, and capable of providing  
47 direct services and other family services for children in the custody of the children's division  
48 or any such entities or agencies that are receiving state moneys for such services;

49 (6) "Director", the director of the Missouri children's division within the department  
50 of social services;

51 (7) "Division", the Missouri children's division within the department of social  
52 services;

53 (8) "Family assessment and services", an approach to be developed by the children's  
54 division which will provide for a prompt assessment of a child who has been reported to the  
55 division as a victim of abuse or neglect by a person responsible for that child's care, custody  
56 or control and of that child's family, including risk of abuse and neglect and, if necessary, the  
57 provision of community-based services to reduce the risk and support the family;

58 (9) "Family support team meeting" or "team meeting", a meeting convened by the  
59 division or children's services provider in behalf of the family and/or child for the purpose of  
60 determining service and treatment needs, determining the need for placement and developing  
61 a plan for reunification or other permanency options, determining the appropriate placement  
62 of the child, evaluating case progress, and establishing and revising the case plan;

63 (10) "Investigation", the collection of physical and verbal evidence to determine if a  
64 child has been abused or neglected;

65 (11) "Jail or detention center personnel", employees and volunteers working in any  
66 premises or institution where incarceration, evaluation, care, treatment or rehabilitation is  
67 provided to persons who are being held under custody of the law;

68 (12) "Neglect", failure to provide, by those responsible for the care, custody, and  
69 control of the child, the proper or necessary support, education as required by law, nutrition or  
70 medical, surgical, or any other care necessary for the child's well-being, except that neglect  
71 shall not be found by virtue of the sole fact that a person allows a child to engage in  
72 independent activities without adult supervision including, but not limited to, traveling to or  
73 from school or nearby locations by bicycle or on foot, playing outdoors, or remaining at home  
74 for a reasonable period of time, provided such activities are appropriate based on the child's  
75 age, maturity, and physical and mental abilities, and the lack of adult supervision does not  
76 constitute conduct that is so grossly negligent as to endanger the health or safety of the child.  
77 Victims of neglect shall also include any victims of sex trafficking or severe forms of  
78 trafficking as those terms are defined in 22 U.S.C. Section 7102, as amended;

79 (13) "Preponderance of the evidence", that degree of evidence that is of greater  
80 weight or more convincing than the evidence which is offered in opposition to it or evidence  
81 which as a whole shows the fact to be proved to be more probable than not;

82 (14) "Probable cause", available facts when viewed in the light of surrounding  
83 circumstances which would cause a reasonable person to believe a child was abused or  
84 neglected;

85 (15) "Report", the communication of an allegation of child abuse or neglect to the  
86 division pursuant to section 210.115;

87 (16) "Those responsible for the care, custody, and control of the child", includes, but  
88 is not limited to:

89 (a) The parents or legal guardians of a child;

90 (b) Other members of the child's household;

91 (c) Those exercising supervision over a child for any part of a twenty-four-hour day;

92 (d) Any adult person who has access to the child based on relationship to the parents

93 of the child or members of the child's household or the family;

94 (e) Any person who takes control of the child by deception, force, or coercion; or

95 (f) School personnel, contractors, and volunteers, if the relationship with the child

96 was established through the school or through school-related activities, even if the alleged  
97 abuse or neglect occurred outside of school hours or off school grounds.

<sup>210</sup> 118. 1. Except for actions under the uniform parentage act, see

2 210.852, in any action under chapter 210 or 211 in which the court finds by a preponderance  
3 of the evidence that a party is responsible for child abuse or neglect, as those terms are  
4 defined in section 210.110, the clerk shall send a certified copy of the judgment or order to the  
5 children's division and to the appropriate prosecuting attorney. Upon receipt of the order, the  
6 children's division shall list the individual as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect in the  
7 central registry.

8 2. In every case in which the person has pled guilty to or been found guilty of:

(1) A crime under section 565.020, 565.021, 565.023, 565.024, 565.050, 566.030, 566.060, ~~or~~ 567.050 as it existed prior to August 28, 2026, or 567.016 and the victim is a child under eighteen years of age;

12 (2) Any other crime in chapter 566 if the victim is a child under eighteen years of age  
13 and the perpetrator is twenty-one years of age or older;

14 (3) A crime under section 568.020, 568.030, 568.045, 568.050, 568.060, 568.080,  
15 568.090, 573.023, 573.025, 573.035, 573.037, 573.040, 573.200, or 573.205; or

16 (4) An attempt to commit any such crimes;

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18 the court shall enter an order directing the children's division to list the individual as a  
19 perpetrator of child abuse or neglect in the central registry. The clerk shall send a certified  
20 copy of the order to the children's division. Upon receipt of the order, the children's division  
21 shall list the individual as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect in the central registry.

210.145. 1. The division shall develop protocols which give priority to:

2 (1) Ensuring the well-being and safety of the child in instances where child abuse or  
3 neglect has been alleged;

6 (3) Providing due process for those accused of child abuse or neglect; and

7 (4) Maintaining an information system operating at all times, capable of receiving and  
8 maintaining reports. This information system shall have the ability to receive reports over a  
9 single, statewide toll-free number. Such information system shall maintain the results of all  
10 investigations, family assessments and services, and other relevant information.

11           2. (1) The division shall utilize structured decision-making protocols, including a  
12 standard risk assessment that shall be completed within seventy-two hours of the report of  
13 abuse or neglect, for classification purposes of all child abuse and neglect reports. The  
14 protocols developed by the division shall give priority to ensuring the well-being and safety  
15 of the child. All child abuse and neglect reports shall be initiated within twenty-four hours  
16 and shall be classified based upon the reported risk and injury to the child. The division shall  
17 promulgate rules regarding the structured decision-making protocols to be utilized for all  
18 child abuse and neglect reports.

19       (2) The director of the division and the office of state courts administrator shall  
20 develop a joint safety assessment tool before December 31, 2020, and such tool shall be  
21 implemented before January 1, 2022. The safety assessment tool shall replace the standard  
22 risk assessment required under subdivision (1) of this subsection and shall also be completed  
23 within seventy-two hours of the report of abuse or neglect.

24       3. Upon receipt of a report, the division shall determine if the report merits  
25 investigation, including reports which if true would constitute a suspected violation of any of  
26 the following: section 565.020, 565.021, 565.023, 565.024, or 565.050 if the victim is a child  
27 less than eighteen years of age, section 566.030 or 566.060 if the victim is a child less than  
28 eighteen years of age, or other crimes under chapter 566 if the victim is a child less than  
29 eighteen years of age and the perpetrator is twenty-one years of age or older, section 567.050  
30 **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026**, if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age,  
31 **section 567.016 if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age**, section 568.020,  
32 568.030, 568.045, 568.050, 568.060, 573.200, or 573.205, section 573.025, 573.035, 573.037,  
33 or 573.040, or an attempt to commit any such crimes. The division shall immediately  
34 communicate all reports that merit investigation to its appropriate local office and any  
35 relevant information as may be contained in the information system. The local division staff  
36 shall determine, through the use of protocols developed by the division, whether an  
37 investigation or the family assessment and services approach should be used to respond to the  
38 allegation. The protocols developed by the division shall give priority to ensuring the well-  
39 being and safety of the child.

40       4. The division may accept a report for investigation or family assessment if either the  
41 child or alleged perpetrator resides in Missouri, may be found in Missouri, or if the incident  
42 occurred in Missouri.

43       5. If the division receives a report in which neither the child nor the alleged  
44 perpetrator resides in Missouri or may be found in Missouri and the incident did not occur in  
45 Missouri, the division shall document the report and communicate it to the appropriate agency  
46 or agencies in the state where the child is believed to be located, along with any relevant  
47 information or records as may be contained in the division's information system.

48       6. When the child abuse and neglect hotline receives three or more calls, within a  
49 seventy-two hour period, from one or more individuals concerning the same child, the  
50 division shall conduct a review to determine whether the calls meet the criteria and statutory  
51 definition for a child abuse and neglect report to be accepted. In conducting the review, the  
52 division shall contact the hotline caller or callers in order to collect information to determine  
53 whether the calls meet the criteria for harassment.

54       7. The local office shall contact the appropriate law enforcement agency immediately  
55 upon receipt of a report which division personnel determine merits an investigation and  
56 provide such agency with a detailed description of the report received. In such cases the local  
57 division office shall request the assistance of the local law enforcement agency in all aspects  
58 of the investigation of the complaint. The appropriate law enforcement agency shall either  
59 assist the division in the investigation or provide the division, within twenty-four hours, an  
60 explanation in writing detailing the reasons why it is unable to assist.

61       8. (1) The local office of the division shall cause an investigation or family  
62 assessment and services approach to be initiated in accordance with the protocols established  
63 in subsection 2 of this section, except in cases where the sole basis for the report is  
64 educational neglect. If the report indicates that educational neglect is the only complaint and  
65 there is no suspicion of other neglect or abuse, the investigation shall be initiated within  
66 seventy-two hours of receipt of the report. If the report indicates the child is in danger of  
67 serious physical harm or threat to life, an investigation shall include direct observation of the  
68 subject child within twenty-four hours of the receipt of the report. Local law enforcement  
69 shall take all necessary steps to facilitate such direct observation. Callers to the child abuse  
70 and neglect hotline shall be instructed by the division's hotline to call 911 in instances where  
71 the child may be in immediate danger. If the parents of the child are not the alleged  
72 perpetrators, a parent of the child must be notified prior to the child being interviewed by the  
73 division. No person responding to or investigating a child abuse and neglect report shall call  
74 prior to a home visit or leave any documentation of any attempted visit, such as business  
75 cards, pamphlets, or other similar identifying information if he or she has a reasonable basis  
76 to believe the following factors are present:

77                   (a) a. No person is present in the home at the time of the home visit; and  
78                   b. The alleged perpetrator resides in the home or the physical safety of the child may  
79 be compromised if the alleged perpetrator becomes aware of the attempted visit;

80                   (b) The alleged perpetrator will be alerted regarding the attempted visit; or  
81                   (c) The family has a history of domestic violence or fleeing the community.

82                   (2) If the division is responding to an investigation of abuse or neglect, the person  
83 responding shall first ensure safety of the child through direct observation and  
84 communication with the child. If the parent or alleged perpetrator is present during a visit  
85 by the person responding to or investigating the report, such person shall present  
86 identification and verbally identify himself or herself and his or her role in the  
87 investigation and shall provide written material to the parent or alleged perpetrator  
88 informing him or her of his or her rights regarding such visit, including but not limited to the  
89 right to contact an attorney. The parent or alleged perpetrator shall be given a reasonable  
90 amount of time to read such written material or have such material read to him or her by the  
91 case worker before the visit commences, but in no event shall such time exceed five minutes;  
92 except that, such requirement to provide written material and reasonable time to read such  
93 material shall not apply in cases where the child faces an immediate threat or danger, or the  
94 person responding to or investigating the report is or feels threatened or in danger of physical  
95 harm. If the abuse is alleged to have occurred in a school or child care facility the division  
96 shall not meet with the child in any school building or child care facility building where abuse  
97 of such child is alleged to have occurred. When the child is reported absent from the  
98 residence, the location and the well-being of the child shall be verified. For purposes of this  
99 subsection, child care facility shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in section  
100 210.201.

101                   (3) If the division is responding to an assessment of abuse or neglect, the person  
102 responding shall present identification and verbally identify himself or herself and his or her  
103 role in the investigation and provide a parent of the child with notification prior to the child  
104 being interviewed by the person responding and shall provide written material to the parent  
105 informing him or her of his or her rights regarding such visit, including, but not limited to, the  
106 right to contact an attorney. The parent shall be given a reasonable amount of time to read  
107 such written material or have such material read to him or her by the case worker before the  
108 visit commences, but in no event shall such time exceed five minutes; except that, such  
109 requirement to provide written material and reasonable time to read such material shall not  
110 apply in cases where the child faces immediate threat or danger, the person responding to or  
111 investigating the report is or feels threatened or in danger of physical harm, or any of the  
112 exceptions in subdivision (1) of this subsection would apply.

113       9. The director of the division shall name at least one chief investigator for each local  
114 division office, who shall direct the division response on any case involving a second or  
115 subsequent incident regarding the same subject child or perpetrator. The duties of a chief  
116 investigator shall include verification of direct observation of the subject child by the division  
117 and shall ensure information regarding the status of an investigation is provided to the public  
118 school district liaison. The public school district liaison shall develop protocol in conjunction  
119 with the chief investigator to ensure information regarding an investigation is shared with  
120 appropriate school personnel. The superintendent of each school district shall designate a  
121 specific person or persons to act as the public school district liaison. Should the subject child  
122 attend a nonpublic school the chief investigator shall notify the school principal of the  
123 investigation. Upon notification of an investigation, all information received by the public  
124 school district liaison or the school shall be subject to the provisions of the federal Family  
125 Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g, and federal rule 34  
126 C.F.R. Part 99.

127       10. The investigation shall include but not be limited to the nature, extent, and cause  
128 of the abuse or neglect; the identity and age of the person responsible for the abuse or neglect;  
129 the names and conditions of other children in the home, if any; the home environment and the  
130 relationship of the subject child to the parents or other persons responsible for the child's care;  
131 any indication of incidents of physical violence against any other household or family  
132 member; and other pertinent data.

133       11. When a report has been made by a person required to report under section  
134 210.115, the division shall contact the person who made such report within forty-eight hours  
135 of the receipt of the report in order to ensure that full information has been received and to  
136 obtain any additional information or medical records, or both, that may be pertinent.

137       12. Upon completion of the investigation, if the division suspects that the report was  
138 made maliciously or for the purpose of harassment, the division shall refer the report and any  
139 evidence of malice or harassment to the local prosecuting or circuit attorney.

140       13. Multidisciplinary teams shall be used whenever conducting the investigation as  
141 determined by the division in conjunction with local law enforcement. Multidisciplinary  
142 teams shall be used in providing protective or preventive social services, including the  
143 services of law enforcement, a liaison of the local public school, the juvenile officer, the  
144 juvenile court, and other agencies, both public and private.

145       14. For all family support team meetings involving an alleged victim of child abuse or  
146 neglect, the parents, legal counsel for the parents, foster parents, the legal guardian or  
147 custodian of the child, the guardian ad litem for the child, the child's counsel, and the  
148 volunteer advocate for the child shall be provided notice and be permitted to attend all such  
149 meetings. Family members, other than alleged perpetrators, or other community informal or

150 formal service providers that provide significant support to the child and other individuals  
151 may also be invited at the discretion of the parents of the child. In addition, the parents, the  
152 legal counsel for the parents, the legal guardian or custodian and the foster parents may  
153 request that other individuals, other than alleged perpetrators, be permitted to attend such  
154 team meetings. Once a person is provided notice of or attends such team meetings, the  
155 division or the convenor of the meeting shall provide such persons with notice of all such  
156 subsequent meetings involving the child. Families may determine whether individuals  
157 invited at their discretion shall continue to be invited.

158 15. If the appropriate local division personnel determine after an investigation has  
159 begun that completing an investigation is not appropriate, the division shall conduct a family  
160 assessment and services approach. The division shall provide written notification to local law  
161 enforcement prior to terminating any investigative process. The reason for the termination of  
162 the investigative process shall be documented in the record of the division and the written  
163 notification submitted to local law enforcement. Such notification shall not preclude nor  
164 prevent any investigation by law enforcement.

165 16. If the appropriate local division personnel determines to use a family assessment  
166 and services approach, the division shall:

167 (1) Assess any service needs of the family. The assessment of risk and service needs  
168 shall be based on information gathered from the family and other sources;

169 (2) Provide services which are voluntary and time-limited unless it is determined by  
170 the division based on the assessment of risk that there will be a high risk of abuse or neglect if  
171 the family refuses to accept the services. The division shall identify services for families  
172 where it is determined that the child is at high risk of future abuse or neglect. The division  
173 shall thoroughly document in the record its attempt to provide voluntary services and the  
174 reasons these services are important to reduce the risk of future abuse or neglect to the child.  
175 If the family continues to refuse voluntary services or the child needs to be protected, the  
176 division may commence an investigation;

177 (3) Commence an immediate investigation if at any time during the family  
178 assessment and services approach the division determines that an investigation, as delineated  
179 in sections 210.109 to 210.183, is required. The division staff who have conducted the  
180 assessment may remain involved in the provision of services to the child and family;

181 (4) Document at the time the case is closed, the outcome of the family assessment and  
182 services approach, any service provided and the removal of risk to the child, if it existed.

183 17. (1) Within forty-five days of an oral report of abuse or neglect, the local office  
184 shall update the information in the information system. The information system shall contain,  
185 at a minimum, the determination made by the division as a result of the investigation,  
186 identifying information on the subjects of the report, those responsible for the care of the

187 subject child and other relevant dispositional information. The division shall complete all  
188 investigations within forty-five days, unless good cause for the failure to complete the  
189 investigation is specifically documented in the information system. Good cause for failure to  
190 complete an investigation shall include, but not be limited to:

191 (a) The necessity to obtain relevant reports of medical providers, medical examiners,  
192 psychological testing, law enforcement agencies, forensic testing, and analysis of relevant  
193 evidence by third parties which has not been completed and provided to the division;

194 (b) The attorney general or the prosecuting or circuit attorney of the city or county in  
195 which a criminal investigation is pending certifies in writing to the division that there is a  
196 pending criminal investigation of the incident under investigation by the division and the  
197 issuing of a decision by the division will adversely impact the progress of the investigation; or

198 (c) The child victim, the subject of the investigation or another witness with  
199 information relevant to the investigation is unable or temporarily unwilling to provide  
200 complete information within the specified time frames due to illness, injury, unavailability,  
201 mental capacity, age, developmental disability, or other cause.

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203 The division shall document any such reasons for failure to complete the investigation.

204 (2) If a child fatality or near-fatality is involved in a report of abuse or neglect, the  
205 investigation shall remain open until the division's investigation surrounding such death or  
206 near-fatal injury is completed.

207 (3) If the investigation is not completed within forty-five days, the information  
208 system shall be updated at regular intervals and upon the completion of the investigation,  
209 which shall be completed no later than ninety days after receipt of a report of abuse or  
210 neglect, or one hundred twenty days after receipt of a report of abuse or neglect involving  
211 sexual abuse, or until the division's investigation is complete in cases involving a child  
212 fatality or near-fatality. The information in the information system shall be updated to reflect  
213 any subsequent findings, including any changes to the findings based on an administrative or  
214 judicial hearing on the matter.

215 18. A person required to report under section 210.115 to the division and any person  
216 making a report of child abuse or neglect made to the division which is not made  
217 anonymously shall be informed by the division of his or her right to obtain information  
218 concerning the disposition of his or her report. Such person shall receive, from the local  
219 office, if requested, information on the general disposition of his or her report. Such person  
220 may receive, if requested, findings and information concerning the case. Such release of  
221 information shall be at the discretion of the director based upon a review of the reporter's  
222 ability to assist in protecting the child or the potential harm to the child or other children  
223 within the family. The local office shall respond to the request within forty-five days. The

224 findings shall be made available to the reporter within five days of the outcome of the  
225 investigation. If the report is determined to be unsubstantiated, the reporter may request that  
226 the report be referred by the division to the office of child advocate for children's protection  
227 and services established in sections 37.700 to 37.730. Upon request by a reporter under this  
228 subsection, the division shall refer an unsubstantiated report of child abuse or neglect to the  
229 office of child advocate for children's protection and services.

230       19. The division shall provide to any individual who is not satisfied with the results of  
231 an investigation information about the office of child advocate and the services it may provide  
232 under sections 37.700 to 37.730.

233       20. In any judicial proceeding involving the custody of a child the fact that a report  
234 may have been made pursuant to sections 210.109 to 210.183 shall not be admissible.  
235 However:

236           (1) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the introduction of evidence from  
237 independent sources to support the allegations that may have caused a report to have been  
238 made; and

239           (2) The court may on its own motion, or shall if requested by a party to the  
240 proceeding, make an inquiry not on the record with the children's division to determine if  
241 such a report has been made.

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243 If a report has been made, the court may stay the custody proceeding until the children's  
244 division completes its investigation.

245       21. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the children's division from  
246 coinvestigating a report of child abuse or neglect or sharing records and information with  
247 child welfare, law enforcement, or judicial officers of another state, territory, or nation if the  
248 children's division determines it is appropriate to do so under the standard set forth in  
249 subsection 4 of section 210.150 and if such receiving agency is exercising its authority under  
250 the law.

251       22. In any judicial proceeding involving the custody of a child where the court  
252 determines that the child is in need of services under paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of  
253 subsection 1 of section 211.031 and has taken jurisdiction, the child's parent, guardian or  
254 custodian shall not be entered into the registry.

255       23. The children's division is hereby granted the authority to promulgate rules and  
256 regulations pursuant to the provisions of section 207.021 and chapter 536 to carry out the  
257 provisions of sections 210.109 to 210.183.

258       24. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
259 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
260 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.

261 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
262 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to  
263 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
264 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2000, shall be invalid  
265 and void.

210.156. 1. The children's division shall make available to the state registrar of vital  
2 statistics the identifying information of the following individuals of whom the division has  
3 knowledge:

4 (1) Individuals whose parental rights have been terminated under section 211.447 and  
5 who are identified in the central registry as having a finding by the division or a court  
6 adjudication of child abuse or neglect within the previous ten years; and

7 (2) Individuals identified in the central registry who have pled guilty or have been  
8 found guilty, within the previous ten years, of an offense under the following, if the victim is a  
9 child less than eighteen years of age: chapter 566 or section 565.020, 565.021, 565.023,  
10 565.024, **567.016, 567.050 as it existed prior to August 28, 2026,** 568.020, 568.065,  
11 573.023, 573.025, 573.035, 573.037, 573.040, 573.200, or 573.205.

12 2. The state registrar shall provide to the division the birth record information of  
13 children born to individuals whose identifying information has been provided under  
14 subsection 1 of this section. The division shall verify that the parent of the child is the same  
15 individual whose identifying information was provided and, if the parent's identity has been  
16 verified, shall provide the appropriate local office with information regarding the birth of the  
17 child. Appropriate local division personnel, or local providers designated by the division,  
18 shall initiate contact with the family, or make a good faith effort to do so, to determine if the  
19 parent or family has a need for services and provide such voluntary and time-limited services  
20 as appropriate. The division shall document the results of such contact and services provided,  
21 if any, in the information system established under section 210.109.

22 3. The children's division and the state registrar shall ensure the confidentiality of all  
23 identifying information and birth records provided under this section and shall not disclose  
24 such information and records except as needed to effectuate the provisions of this section.  
25 Such information and records shall be considered closed records under chapter 610.

26 4. The division may promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of  
27 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
28 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
29 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.  
30 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
31 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to  
32 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of

33 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid  
34 and void.

226.531. 1. As used in this section the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Adult cabaret", a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar establishment in which  
3 persons appear in a state of nudity, as defined in section 573.500, or seminudity, in the  
4 performance of their duties;

5 (2) "Seminudity", a state of dress in which opaque clothing fails to cover the genitals,  
6 anus, anal cleft or cleavage, pubic area, vulva, nipple and areola of the female breast below a  
7 horizontal line across the top of the areola at its highest point. Seminudity shall include the  
8 entire lower portion of the female breast, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of  
9 the human female breast exhibited by wearing apparel provided the areola is not exposed in  
10 whole or part;

11 (3) "Sexually oriented business", any business which offers its patrons goods of  
12 which a substantial portion are sexually oriented materials. Any business where more than  
13 ten percent of display space is used for sexually oriented materials shall be presumed to be a  
14 sexually oriented business;

15 (4) "Sexually oriented materials", any textual, pictorial, or three-dimensional material  
16 that depicts nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse in a way  
17 which is patently offensive to the average person applying contemporary adult community  
18 standards with respect to what is suitable for minors.

19 2. No billboard or other exterior advertising sign for an adult cabaret or sexually  
20 oriented business shall be located within one mile of any state highway except if such  
21 business is located within one mile of a state highway then the business may display a  
22 maximum of two exterior signs on the premises of the business, consisting of one  
23 identification sign and one sign solely giving notice that the premises are off limits to minors.  
24 The identification sign shall be no more than forty square feet in size and shall include no  
25 more than the following information: name, street address, telephone number, and operating  
26 hours of the business.

27 3. Signs existing on August 28, 2004, which did not conform to the requirements of  
28 this section, may be allowed to continue as a nonconforming use, but should be made to  
29 conform within three years from August 28, 2004.

30 4. Any owner of such a business who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
31 guilty of a class C misdemeanor. Each week a violation of this section continues to exist shall  
32 constitute a separate offense.

33 5. This section is designed to protect the following public policy interests of this state,  
34 including but not limited to: to mitigate the adverse secondary effects of sexually oriented  
35 businesses, to improve traffic safety, to limit harm to minors, and to reduce [prostitution]

36 **commercial sexual exploitation**, crime, juvenile delinquency, deterioration in property  
37 values, and lethargy in neighborhood improvement efforts.

513.605. As used in sections 513.600 to 513.645, unless the context clearly indicates  
2 otherwise, the following terms mean:

3 (1) (a) "Beneficial interest":

4 a. The interest of a person as a beneficiary under any other trust arrangement pursuant  
5 to which a trustee holds legal or record title to real property for the benefit of such person; or  
6 b. The interest of a person under any other form of express fiduciary arrangement  
7 pursuant to which any other person holds legal or record title to real property for the benefit  
8 of such person;

9 (b) "Beneficial interest" does not include the interest of a stockholder in a corporation  
10 or the interest of a partner in either a general partnership or limited partnership. A beneficial  
11 interest shall be deemed to be located where the real property owned by the trustee is located;

12 (2) "Civil proceeding", any civil suit commenced by an investigative agency under  
13 any provision of sections 513.600 to 513.645;

14 (3) "Criminal activity" is the commission, attempted commission, conspiracy to  
15 commit, or the solicitation, coercion or intimidation of another person to commit any crime  
16 which is chargeable by indictment or information under the following Missouri laws:

17 (a) Chapter 195, relating to drug regulations;

18 (b) Chapter 301, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles;

19 (c) Chapter 304, but relating only to felony violations of this chapter involving the  
20 use of a motor vehicle;

21 (d) Chapter 311, but relating only to felony violations of this chapter committed by  
22 persons not duly licensed by the supervisor of liquor control;

23 (e) Chapter 409, relating to regulation of securities;

24 (f) Chapter 491, relating to witnesses;

25 (g) Chapter 565, relating to offenses against the person;

26 (h) Chapter 566, relating to sexual offenses;

27 (i) Chapter 567, relating to prostitution **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026**, or  
28 **commercial sexual exploitation**;

29 (j) Chapter 568, relating to offenses against the family;

30 (k) Chapter 569, relating to robbery, arson, burglary and related offenses;

31 (l) Chapter 570, relating to stealing and related offenses;

32 (m) Chapter 571, relating to weapons offenses;

33 (n) Chapter 572, relating to gambling;

34 (o) Chapter 573, relating to pornography and related offenses;

35 (p) Chapter 574, relating to offenses against public order;



7 assault in the first degree; section 565.073, domestic assault in the second degree; section  
8 565.074, domestic assault in the third degree; section 565.075, assault while on school  
9 property; section 565.076, domestic assault in the fourth degree; section 565.081, 565.082, or  
10 565.083, assault of a law enforcement officer, corrections officer, emergency personnel,  
11 highway worker in a construction zone or work zone, utility worker, cable worker, or  
12 probation and parole officer in the first, second, or third degree; **section 567.016, commercial**  
13 **sexual exploitation**; section 567.020, prostitution **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026**;  
14 section 568.045, endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree; section 568.050,  
15 endangering the welfare of a child in the second degree; section 568.060, abuse of a child;  
16 section 575.150, resisting or interfering with an arrest; or subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection  
17 2 of section 191.677, knowingly or recklessly exposing a person to a serious infectious or  
18 communicable disease, the court may order that the defendant be conveyed to a state-, city-,  
19 or county-operated HIV clinic for testing for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, syphilis,  
20 gonorrhea, and chlamydia. The results of such tests shall be released to the victim and his or  
21 her parent or legal guardian if the victim is a minor. The results of such tests shall also be  
22 released to the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney and the defendant's attorney. The  
23 state's motion to obtain said testing, the court's order of the same, and the test results shall be  
24 sealed in the court file.

25 2. As used in this section, "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency virus that  
26 causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

566.103. 1. A person or entity commits the offense of promoting online sexual  
2 solicitation if such person or entity knowingly permits a web-based classified service owned  
3 or operated by such person or entity to be used by individuals to post advertisements  
4 promoting **[prostitution] commercial sexual exploitation**, enticing a child to engage in  
5 sexual conduct, or promoting sexual trafficking of a child after receiving notice under this  
6 section.

7 2. As used in this section, the term "web-based classified service" means a person or  
8 entity in whose name a specific URL or internet domain name is registered which has  
9 advertisements for goods and services or personal advertisements.

10 3. An advertisement may be deemed to promote **[prostitution] commercial sexual**  
11 **exploitation**, entice a child to engage in sexual conduct, or promote sexual trafficking of a  
12 child, if the content of such advertisement would be interpreted by a reasonable person **[as**  
13 **~~offering to exchange sexual conduct for goods or services in violation of chapter 567,~~** as  
14 seeking a child for the purpose of sexual conduct or commercial sex act, or as offering a child  
15 as a participant in sexual conduct or commercial sex act in violation of section 566.151,  
16 566.210, or 566.211.

17       4. It shall be *prima facie* evidence that a person or entity acts knowingly if an  
18 advertisement is not removed from the web-based classified service within seventy-two hours  
19 of that person or entity being notified that an advertisement has been posted on that service  
20 which is prohibited under this section.

21       5. Notice under this section may be provided by certified mail or facsimile  
22 transmission by the attorney general or any prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney.

23       6. A violation of this section shall be a felony, punishable by a fine in the amount of  
24 five thousand dollars per day that the advertisement remains posted on the web-based  
25 classified service after seventy-two hours of when notice has been provided pursuant to this  
26 section.

27       7. Original jurisdiction for prosecution of a violation of this section shall be with the  
28 local prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney.

566.223. 1. Any individual who is alleging that a violation of sections 566.200 to  
2 566.218 and section 578.475 has occurred against his or her person shall be afforded the  
3 rights and protections provided in the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000,  
4 Public Law 106-386, as amended.

5       2. ~~It is an affirmative defense for the offense of prostitution under section 567.020  
6 that the defendant engaged in the conduct charged to constitute an offense because he or she  
7 was coerced to do so by the use of, or threatened use of, unlawful physical force upon himself  
8 or herself or a third person, which force or threatened force a person of reasonable firmness in  
9 his or her situation would have been unable to resist.~~

10       3.] The department of public safety is authorized to establish procedures for  
11 identifying victims of trafficking under sections 566.200 to 566.223. The department may  
12 establish training programs as well as standard protocols for appropriate agencies to educate  
13 officials and employees on state statutes and federal laws regulating human trafficking and  
14 with the identification and assistance of victims of human trafficking. Such agencies may  
15 include but not be limited to state employees and contractors, including the children's division  
16 of the department of social services, juvenile courts, state law enforcement agencies, health  
17 care professionals, and runaway and homeless youth shelter administrators.

18       [4.] 3. As soon as possible after a first encounter with a person who reasonably  
19 appears to a law enforcement agency to be a victim of trafficking as defined in section  
20 566.200, that agency or office shall notify the department of social services and, where  
21 applicable, juvenile justice authorities that the person may be a victim of trafficking, in order  
22 that such agencies may determine whether the person may be eligible for state or federal  
23 services, programs, or assistance.

24       [5.] 4. The department of social services may coordinate with relevant state, federal,  
25 and local agencies to evaluate appropriate services for victims of trafficking. State agencies

26 may implement programs and enter into contracts with nonprofit agencies, domestic and  
27 sexual violence shelters, and other nongovernment organizations to provide services to  
28 confirmed victims of trafficking, insofar as funds are available for that purpose. Such  
29 services may include, but are not limited to, case management, emergency temporary  
30 housing, health care, mental health counseling, alcohol and drug addiction screening and  
31 treatment, language interpretation and translation services, English language instruction, job  
32 training, and placement assistance.

33 [6.] 5. A victim of trafficking may bring a civil action against a person or persons who  
34 plead guilty to or are found guilty of a violation of section 566.203, 566.206, 566.209,  
35 566.210, or 566.211 to recover the actual damages sustained by the victim, court costs,  
36 including reasonable attorney's fees, and punitive damages, when determined to be  
37 appropriate by the court. Any action commenced under this section shall be filed within  
38 ten years after the later of:

- 39 (1) The final order in the related criminal case;
- 40 (2) The victim's emancipation from the defendant; or
- 41 (3) The victim's eighteenth birthday.

42 [7.] 6. The attorney general may bring a civil action, in the circuit court in which the  
43 victim of trafficking was found, to recover from any person or entity that benefits, financially  
44 or by receiving anything of value, from violations of section 566.203, 566.206, 566.209,  
45 566.210, or 566.211, a civil penalty of not more than fifty thousand dollars for each violation  
46 of section 566.203, 566.206, 566.209, 566.210, or 566.211, and injunctive and other equitable  
47 relief as the court may, in its discretion, order. The first priority of any money or property  
48 collected under such an action shall be to pay restitution to the victims of trafficking on whose  
49 behalf the civil action was brought.

567.010. As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:

2 (1) ["Deviate sexual intercourse", any sexual act involving the genitals of one person  
3 and the mouth, hand, tongue, or anus of another person; or any act involving the penetration,  
4 however slight, of the penis, the female genitalia, or the anus by a finger, instrument, or object  
5 done for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person or for the  
6 purpose of terrorizing the victim];

7 (2) "Persistent prostitution offender", a person who has been found guilty of two or  
8 more prostitution related offenses;

9 (3) "Prostitution related offense", any violation of state law for prostitution,  
10 patronizing prostitution, or promoting prostitution;

11 (4) "Sexual conduct", sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, or sexual  
12 contact;

13       (5) "Sexual contact", any touching of another person with the genitals or any touching  
14 of the genitals or anus of another person or the breast of a female person, or such touching  
15 through the clothing, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire of any person or  
16 for the purpose of terrorizing the victim;

17       (6) "Sexual intercourse", any penetration, however slight, of the female genitalia by  
18 the penis;

19       (7) "Something of value", any money or property, or any token, object or article  
20 exchangeable for money or property] "Coercion":

21       (a) A threat of serious harm, including physical or financial harm, to or physical  
22 restraint against any person;

23       (b) Any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that  
24 failure to perform an act would result in serious bodily or financial harm to or physical  
25 restraint of any person;

26       (c) The abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process;

27       (d) Withholding, destroying, or confiscating any actual or purported passport,  
28 immigration document, or any other government identification document of another  
29 person;

30       (e) Providing a drug, including alcohol, to another person with the intent to  
31 impair the person's judgment or maintain a state of chemical dependence;

32       (f) Wrongfully taking, obtaining, or withholding any property of another  
33 person;

34       (g) Blackmail;

35       (h) Asserting control over the finances of another person; or

36       (i) Withholding or threatening to withhold food or medication;

37       (2) "Commercial sex act", any sex act, which includes sexual penetration,  
38 masturbation, or sexual activity, on account of which anything of value is given to,  
39 promised, or received by any person;

40       (3) "Sexual activity", any:

41       (a) Knowing touching or fondling by another person, either directly or through  
42 clothing, of the sex organs, anus, or breast of the victim or another person for the  
43 purpose of sexual gratification or arousal;

44       (b) Transfer or transmission of semen upon any part of the clothed or unclothed  
45 body of a person for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of another;

46       (c) Act of urination within a sexual context;

47       (d) Bondage, fetter, sadism, or masochism; or

48       (e) Sadomasochism abuse in any sexual context.

567.016. 1. A person commits the offense of commercial sexual exploitation if  
2 such person:

3 (1) Patronizes a person under eighteen years of age for a commercial sex act;  
4 (2) Patronizes any person for a commercial sex act and such person is being  
5 compelled through force, fraud, or coercion to engage in the commercial sex act;  
6 (3) Knowingly promotes a commercial sex act of a person who is under eighteen  
7 years of age;  
8 (4) Knowingly promotes a commercial sex act by coercing any person to enter  
9 into, engage in, or remain in commercial sexual exploitation; or  
10 (5) Owns, manages, or operates an interactive computer service, or conspires or  
11 attempts to do so, with the intent to promote or facilitate commercial sexual exploitation  
12 that contributed to the offense of trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation  
13 under section 566.209. As used in this subdivision, "interactive computer service"  
14 means any information service, system, or access software provider that provides or  
15 enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a  
16 service or system that provides access to the internet and such systems operated or  
17 services offered by libraries or educational institutions.

18 2. It shall be an affirmative defense under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this  
19 section if the person patronizing commercial sexual exploitation had no knowledge that  
20 the commercial sex act was being compelled through force, fraud, or coercion.

21 3. It shall not be a defense under subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section  
22 that the person believed that the individual he or she patronized for a commercial sex  
23 act was eighteen years of age or older.

24 4. Promoting commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (3) of subsection  
25 1 of this section shall be considered abuse of a child, as defined under section 210.110,  
26 and such abuse shall be reported as required under section 210.115.

27 5. The offense of commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (1) of  
28 subsection 1 of this section is a class E felony if the person patronized is fifteen years of  
29 age or older but under eighteen years of age and a class D felony if the person  
30 patronized is fourteen years of age or under. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude  
31 the prosecution of an individual for the offenses of:

32 (1) Statutory rape in the first degree under section 566.032; or  
33 (2) Statutory rape in the second degree under section 566.034.

34 6. The offense of commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (2) of  
35 subsection 1 of this section is a class B misdemeanor.

36 7. The offense of commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (3) of  
37 subsection 1 of this section is a class D felony if the person being promoted is sixteen or

38 **seventeen years of age and a class B felony if the person being promoted is under sixteen**  
39 **years of age.**

40 **8. The offense of commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (4) of**  
41 **subsection 1 of this section is a class B felony.**

42 **9. The offense of commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (5) of**  
43 **subsection 1 of this section is a class A felony.**

44 **10. (1) A person injured by the acts committed in violation of subdivision (5) of**  
45 **subsection 1 of this section or subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section if the person**  
46 **being promoted is under sixteen years of age shall have a civil cause of action to recover**  
47 **damages and reasonable attorney's fees for such injury.**

48 **(2) In addition to the court's authority to order a defendant to make restitution**  
49 **for the damage or loss caused by his or her offense as provided under section 559.105,**  
50 **the court shall enter a judgment of restitution against the defendant convicted of**  
51 **violating subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of this section or subdivision (3) of subsection 1**  
52 **of this section.**

567.080. 1. Any room, building or other structure regularly used for ~~[any prostitution~~  
2 ~~activity]~~ **commercial sexual exploitation** prohibited by this chapter is a public nuisance.

3 2. The attorney general, circuit attorney or prosecuting attorney may, in addition to all  
4 criminal sanctions, prosecute a suit in equity to enjoin the nuisance. If the court finds that the  
5 owner of the room, building or structure knew or had reason to believe that the premises were  
6 being used regularly for ~~[prostitution activity]~~ **commercial sexual exploitation**, the court  
7 may order that the premises shall not be occupied or used for such period as the court may  
8 determine, not to exceed one year.

9 3. All persons, including owners, lessees, officers, agents, inmates or employees,  
10 aiding or facilitating such a nuisance may be made defendants in any suit to enjoin the  
11 nuisance, and they may be enjoined from engaging in ~~[any prostitution activity]~~ **commercial**  
12 **sexual exploitation** anywhere within the jurisdiction of the court.

13 4. Appeals shall be allowed from the judgment of the court as in other civil actions.

573.503. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any city not within a  
2 county and any county may, by order or ordinance, require a background check be conducted  
3 on all employees of any adult cabaret to ascertain whether any such employees have been  
4 convicted of or have pled guilty to any misdemeanor or felony involving prostitution **as it**  
5 **existed prior to August 28, 2026**, or aiding or abetting prostitution **as it existed prior to**  
6 **August 28, 2026, commercial sexual exploitation**, drug possession or trafficking, money  
7 laundering, tax evasion, or illegal gambling activity.

573.525. 1. It is the purpose of sections 573.525 to 573.537 to regulate sexually  
2 oriented businesses in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens

3 of this state, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious  
4 secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses within the state. The provisions of sections  
5 573.525 to 573.537 have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction  
6 on the content or reasonable access to any communicative materials, including sexually  
7 oriented materials. Similarly, it is neither the intent nor effect of sections 573.525 to 573.537  
8 to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the first  
9 amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented  
10 entertainment to their intended market. Neither is it the intent nor effect of sections 573.525  
11 to 573.537 to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.

12 2. The general assembly finds that:

13 (1) Sexually oriented businesses, as a category of commercial enterprises, are  
14 associated with a wide variety of adverse secondary effects, including but not limited to  
15 personal and property crimes, ~~prostitution,~~ **commercial sexual exploitation**, potential  
16 spread of disease, lewdness, public indecency, obscenity, illicit drug use and drug trafficking,  
17 negative impacts on surrounding properties, urban blight, litter, and sexual assault and  
18 exploitation;

19 (2) Sexually oriented businesses should be separated from sensitive land uses to  
20 minimize the impact of their secondary effects upon such uses, and should be separated from  
21 other sexually oriented businesses, to minimize the secondary effects associated with such  
22 uses and to prevent an unnecessary concentration of sexually oriented businesses in one area;

23 (3) Each of the foregoing negative secondary effects constitutes a harm which the  
24 state has a substantial interest in preventing or abating, or both. Such substantial government  
25 interest in preventing secondary effects, which is the state's rationale for sections 573.525 to  
26 573.537, exists independent of any comparative analysis between sexually oriented and  
27 nonsexually oriented businesses. Additionally, the state's interest in regulating sexually  
28 oriented businesses extends to preventing future secondary effects of current or future  
29 sexually oriented businesses that may locate in the state.

573.531. 1. No person shall establish a sexually oriented business within one  
2 thousand feet of any preexisting primary or secondary school, house of worship, state-  
3 licensed day care facility, public library, public park, residence, or other sexually oriented  
4 business. This subsection shall not apply to any sexually oriented business lawfully  
5 established prior to August 28, 2010. For purposes of this subsection, measurements shall be  
6 made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the closest  
7 portion of the parcel containing the sexually oriented business to the closest portion of the  
8 parcel containing the preexisting primary or secondary school, house of worship, state-  
9 licensed day care facility, public library, public park, residence, or other sexually oriented  
10 business.

11       2. No person shall establish a sexually oriented business if a person with an  
12 influential interest in the sexually oriented business has been found guilty of any of the  
13 following specified offenses for which less than eight years has elapsed since the date of  
14 conviction or the date of release from confinement for the conviction, whichever is later:

15       (1) Rape and sexual assault offenses;

16       (2) Sexual offenses involving minors;

17       (3) Offenses involving prostitution **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026, or**  
18 **commercial sexual exploitation;**

19       (4) Obscenity offenses;

20       (5) Offenses involving money laundering;

21       (6) Offenses involving tax evasion;

22       (7) Any attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit one of the offenses listed in  
23 subdivisions (1) to (6) of this subsection; or

24       (8) Any offense committed in another jurisdiction which if committed in this state  
25 would have constituted an offense listed in subdivisions (1) to (7) of this subsection.

26       3. No person shall knowingly or intentionally, in a sexually oriented business, appear  
27 in a state of nudity.

28       4. No employee shall knowingly or intentionally, in a sexually oriented business,  
29 appear in a semi-nude condition unless the employee, while semi-nude, shall be and remain  
30 on a fixed stage at least six feet from all patrons and at least eighteen inches from the floor in  
31 a room of at least six hundred square feet.

32       5. No employee, who appears in a semi-nude condition in a sexually oriented  
33 business, shall knowingly or intentionally touch a patron or the clothing of a patron in a  
34 sexually oriented business.

35       6. A sexually oriented business, which exhibits on the premises, through any  
36 mechanical or electronic image-producing device, a film, video cassette, digital video disc, or  
37 other video reproduction, characterized by an emphasis on the display of specified sexual  
38 activities or specified anatomical areas shall comply with the following requirements:

39       (1) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an  
40 unobstructed view from an operator's station of every area of the premises, including the  
41 interior of each viewing room but excluding restrooms, to which any patron is permitted  
42 access for any purpose;

43       (2) An operator's station shall not exceed thirty-two square feet of floor area;

44       (3) If the premises has two or more operator's stations designated, the interior of the  
45 premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view of each area  
46 of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one of  
47 the operator's stations;

48 (4) The view required under this subsection shall be by direct line of sight from the  
49 operator's station;

50 (5) It is the duty of the operator to ensure that at least one employee is on duty and  
51 situated in an operator's station at all times that any patron is on the portion of the premises  
52 monitored by such operator station; and

53 (6) It shall be the duty of the operator and of any employees present on the premises  
54 to ensure that the view area specified in this subsection remains unobstructed by any doors,  
55 curtains, walls, merchandise, display racks, or other materials or enclosures at all times that  
56 any patron is present on the premises.

57 7. Sexually oriented businesses that do not have stages or interior configurations  
58 which meet at least the minimum requirements of sections 573.525 to 573.537 shall be given  
59 one hundred eighty days after August 28, 2010, to comply with the stage and building  
60 requirements of sections 573.525 to 573.537. During such one hundred eighty-day period,  
61 any employee who appears within view of any patron in a semi-nude condition shall remain,  
62 while semi-nude, at least six feet from all patrons.

63 8. No operator shall allow or permit a sexually oriented business to be or remain open  
64 between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. on any day.

65 9. No person shall knowingly or intentionally sell, use, or consume alcoholic  
66 beverages on the premises of a sexually oriented business.

67 10. No person shall knowingly allow a person under the age of eighteen years on the  
68 premises of a sexually oriented business.

69 11. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

70 (1) "Establish" or "establishment", includes any of the following:

71 (a) The opening or commencement of any sexually oriented business as a new  
72 business;

73 (b) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not a sexually oriented  
74 business, to any sexually oriented business; or

75 (c) The addition of any sexually oriented business to any other existing sexually  
76 oriented business;

77 (2) "Influential interest", includes any of the following:

78 (a) The actual power to operate a sexually oriented business or control the operation,  
79 management, or policies of a sexually oriented business or legal entity which operates a  
80 sexually oriented business;

81 (b) Ownership of a financial interest of thirty percent or more of a business or of any  
82 class of voting securities of a business; or

83 (c) Holding an office, such as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, managing  
84 member, or managing director, in a legal entity which operates a sexually oriented business;

85 (3) "Viewing room", the room, booth, or area where a patron of a sexually oriented  
86 business would ordinarily be positioned while watching a film, video cassette, digital video  
87 disc, or other video reproduction.

577.675. 1. A person commits the offense of transportation of an illegal alien if he or  
2 she knowingly transports, moves, or attempts to transport or move any illegal alien who is not  
3 lawfully present in the United States, according to the terms of 8 U.S.C. Section 1101, et seq.,  
4 for the purposes of trafficking in violation of sections 566.200 to 566.215, drug trafficking in  
5 violation of sections 579.065 and 579.068, prostitution **as it existed prior to August 28,**  
6 **2026, or commercial sexual exploitation** in violation of chapter 567, or employment.

7        2. The offense of transportation of an illegal alien is a class D felony.

8           3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny any victim of an offense under  
9 sections 566.200 to 566.215 of rights afforded by the federal Trafficking Victims Protection  
10 Act of 2000, Public Law 106-386, as amended.

578.421. 1. Sections 578.421 to 578.437 shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "Missouri Criminal Street Gangs Prevention Act".

3           2. As used in sections 578.421 to 578.437, the following terms mean:

14 (a) Assault with a deadly weapon or by means of force likely to cause serious  
15 physical injury, as provided in sections 565.050 and 565.052;

16 (b) Robbery, arson and those offenses under chapter 569 which are related to robbery  
17 and arson;

18 (c) Murder or manslaughter, as provided in sections 565.020 to 565.024;

19 (d) Any violation of the provisions of chapter 579 which involves the distribution,  
20 delivery or manufacture of a substance prohibited by chapter 579;

21 (e) Unlawful use of a weapon which is a felony pursuant to section 571.030;

22 (f) Tampering with witnesses and victims, as provided in section 575.270;

23 (g) Promoting online sexual solicitation, as provided in section 566.103;

24 (h) Sexual trafficking of a child in the first degree, as provided in section 566.210;

589.400. 1. Sections 589.400 to 589.425 shall apply to:

23 performance; or promoting sexual performance by a child; patronizing prostitution if the  
24 individual the person patronizes is less than eighteen years of age;

25 (3) Any person who, since July 1, 1979, has been committed to the department of  
26 mental health as a criminal sexual psychopath;

27 (4) Any person who, since July 1, 1979, has been found not guilty as a result of  
28 mental disease or defect of any offense referenced in section 589.414;

29 (5) Any juvenile certified as an adult and transferred to a court of general jurisdiction  
30 who has been adjudicated for an offense listed under section 589.414;

31 (6) Any juvenile fourteen years of age or older at the time of the offense who has  
32 been adjudicated for an offense which is equal to or more severe than aggravated sexual abuse  
33 under 18 U.S.C. Section 2241, which shall include any attempt or conspiracy to commit such  
34 offense;

35 (7) Any person who is a resident of this state who has, since July 1, 1979, been or is  
36 hereafter adjudicated in any other state, territory, the District of Columbia, or foreign country,  
37 or under federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction for an offense which, if committed in this state,  
38 would constitute an offense listed under section 589.414, or has been or is required to register  
39 in another state, territory, the District of Columbia, or foreign country, or has been or is  
40 required to register under tribal, federal, or military law; or

41 (8) Any person who has been or is required to register in another state, territory, the  
42 District of Columbia, or foreign country, or has been or is required to register under tribal,  
43 federal, or military law and who works or attends an educational institution, whether public or  
44 private in nature, including any secondary school, trade school, professional school, or  
45 institution of higher education on a full-time or on a part-time basis or has a temporary  
46 residence in Missouri. "Part-time" in this subdivision means for more than seven days in any  
47 twelve-month period.

48 2. Any person to whom sections 589.400 to 589.425 apply shall, within three business  
49 days of adjudication, release from incarceration, or placement upon probation, register with  
50 the chief law enforcement official of the county or city not within a county in which such  
51 person resides unless such person has already registered in that county for the same offense.  
52 For any juvenile under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section, within three business  
53 days of adjudication or release from commitment to the division of youth services, the  
54 department of mental health, or other placement, such juvenile shall register with the chief  
55 law enforcement official of the county or city not within a county in which he or she resides  
56 unless he or she has already registered in such county or city not within a county for the same  
57 offense. Any person to whom sections 589.400 to 589.425 apply if not currently registered in  
58 their county of residence shall register with the chief law enforcement official of such county  
59 or city not within a county within three business days. The chief law enforcement official

60 shall forward a copy of the registration form required by section 589.407 to a city, town,  
61 village, or campus law enforcement agency located within the county of the chief law  
62 enforcement official.

63       3. The registration requirements of sections 589.400 through 589.425 shall be as  
64 provided under subsection 4 of this section unless:

- 65           (1) All offenses requiring registration are reversed, vacated, or set aside;
- 66           (2) The registrant is no longer required to register and his or her name shall be  
67 removed from the registry under the provisions of section 589.414; or
- 68           (3) The court orders the removal or exemption of such person from the registry under  
69 section 589.401.

70       4. The registration requirements shall be as follows:

- 71           (1) Fifteen years if the offender is a tier I sex offender as provided under section  
72 589.414;
- 73           (2) Twenty-five years if the offender is a tier II sex offender as provided under section  
74 589.414; or
- 75           (3) The life of the offender if the offender is a tier III sex offender.

76       5. (1) The registration period shall be reduced as described in subdivision (3) of this  
77 subsection for a sex offender who maintains a clean record for the periods described under  
78 subdivision (2) of this subsection by:

- 79           (a) Not being adjudicated of any offense for which imprisonment for more than one  
80 year may be imposed;
- 81           (b) Not being adjudicated of any sex offense;
- 82           (c) Successfully completing any periods of supervised release, probation, or parole;  
83 and
- 84           (d) Successfully completing an appropriate sex offender treatment program certified  
85 by the attorney general.

86       (2) In the case of a:

- 87           (a) Tier I sex offender, the period during which the clean record shall be maintained is  
88 ten years;

89           (b) Tier III sex offender adjudicated delinquent for the offense which required  
90 registration in a sex offender registry under sections 589.400 to 589.425, the period during  
91 which the clean record shall be maintained is twenty-five years.

92       (3) In the case of a:

- 93           (a) Tier I sex offender, the reduction is five years;
- 94           (b) Tier III sex offender adjudicated delinquent, the reduction is from life to that  
95 period for which the clean record under paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of this subsection is  
96 maintained.

97       6. For processing an initial sex offender registration the chief law enforcement officer  
98 of the county or city not within a county may charge the offender registering a fee of up to ten  
99 dollars.

100       7. For processing any change in registration required pursuant to section 589.414 the  
101 chief law enforcement official of the county or city not within a county may charge the person  
102 changing their registration a fee of five dollars for each change made after the initial  
103 registration.

104       8. Any person currently on the sexual offender registry or who otherwise would be  
105 required to register for being adjudicated for the offense of felonious restraint of a nonsexual  
106 nature when the victim was a child and he or she was the parent or guardian of the child,  
107 nonsexual child abuse that was committed under section 568.060, or kidnapping of a  
108 nonsexual nature when the victim was a child and he or she was the parent or guardian of the  
109 child shall be removed from the registry. However, such person shall remain on the sexual  
110 offender registry for any other offense for which he or she is required to register under  
111 sections 589.400 to 589.425.

112       9. The following persons shall be exempt from registering as a sexual offender upon  
113 petition to the court of jurisdiction under section 589.401; except that, such person shall  
114 remain on the sexual offender registry for any other offense for which he or she is required to  
115 register under sections 589.400 to 589.425:

116       (1) Any person currently on the sexual offender registry or who otherwise would be  
117 required to register for a sexual offense involving:

118       (a) Sexual conduct where no force or threat of force was directed toward the victim or  
119 any other individual involved, if the victim was an adult, unless the adult was under the  
120 custodial authority of the offender at the time of the offense; or

121       (b) Sexual conduct where no force or threat of force was directed toward the victim,  
122 the victim was at least fourteen years of age, and the offender was not more than four years  
123 older than the victim at the time of the offense; or

124       (2) Any person currently required to register for the following sexual offenses:

125       (a) Promoting obscenity in the first degree under section 573.020;

126       (b) Promoting obscenity in the second degree under section 573.030;

127       (c) Furnishing pornographic materials to minors under section 573.040;

128       (d) Public display of explicit sexual material under section 573.060;

129       (e) Coercing acceptance of obscene material under section 573.065;

130       (f) Trafficking for the purpose of slavery, involuntary servitude, peonage, or forced  
131 labor under section 566.206;

132       (g) Abusing an individual through forced labor under section 566.203;

133 (h) Contributing to human trafficking through the misuse of documentation under  
134 section 566.215; or

135 (i) Acting as an international marriage broker and failing to provide the information  
136 and notice as required under section 578.475.

137 10. Any person currently on the sexual offender registry for having been adjudicated  
138 for a tier I or II offense or adjudicated delinquent for a tier III offense or other comparable  
139 offenses listed under section 589.414 may file a petition under section 589.401.

140 11. Any nonresident worker, including work as a volunteer or intern, or nonresident  
141 student shall register for the duration of such person's employment, including participation as  
142 a volunteer or intern, or attendance at any school of higher education whether public or  
143 private, including any secondary school, trade school, professional school, or institution of  
144 higher education on a full-time or part-time basis in this state unless granted relief under  
145 section 589.401. Any registered offender shall provide information regarding any place in  
146 which the offender is staying when away from his or her residence for seven or more days,  
147 including the period of time the offender is staying in such place. Any registered offender  
148 from another state who has a temporary residence in this state and resides more than seven  
149 days in a twelve-month period shall register for the duration of such person's temporary  
150 residency unless granted relief under section 589.401.

589.414. 1. Any person required by sections 589.400 to 589.425 to register shall,  
2 within three business days, appear in person to the chief law enforcement officer of the  
3 county or city not within a county if there is a change to any of the following information:

- 4 (1) Name;
- 5 (2) Residence;
- 6 (3) Employment, including status as a volunteer or intern;
- 7 (4) Student status; or
- 8 (5) A termination to any of the items listed in this subsection.

9 2. Any person required to register under sections 589.400 to 589.425 shall, within  
10 three business days, notify the chief law enforcement official of the county or city not within  
11 a county of any changes to the following information:

- 12 (1) Vehicle information;
- 13 (2) Temporary lodging information;
- 14 (3) Temporary residence information;
- 15 (4) Email addresses, instant messaging addresses, and any other designations used in  
16 internet communications, postings, or telephone communications; or
- 17 (5) Telephone or other cellular number, including any new forms of electronic  
18 communication.

19       3. The chief law enforcement official in the county or city not within a county shall  
20 immediately forward the registration changes described under subsections 1 and 2 of this  
21 section to the Missouri state highway patrol within three business days.

22       4. If any person required by sections 589.400 to 589.425 to register changes such  
23 person's residence or address to a different county or city not within a county, the person shall  
24 appear in person and shall inform both the chief law enforcement official with whom the  
25 person last registered and the chief law enforcement official of the county or city not within a  
26 county having jurisdiction over the new residence or address in writing within three business  
27 days of such new address and phone number, if the phone number is also changed. If any  
28 person required by sections 589.400 to 589.425 to register changes his or her state, territory,  
29 the District of Columbia, or foreign country, or federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction of  
30 residence, the person shall appear in person and shall inform both the chief law enforcement  
31 official with whom the person was last registered and the chief law enforcement official of the  
32 area in the new state, territory, the District of Columbia, or foreign country, or federal, tribal,  
33 or military jurisdiction having jurisdiction over the new residence or address within three  
34 business days of such new address. Whenever a registrant changes residence, the chief law  
35 enforcement official of the county or city not within a county where the person was  
36 previously registered shall inform the Missouri state highway patrol of the change within  
37 three business days. When the registrant is changing the residence to a new state, territory,  
38 the District of Columbia, or foreign country, or federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction, the  
39 Missouri state highway patrol shall inform the responsible official in the new state, territory,  
40 the District of Columbia, or foreign country, or federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction of  
41 residence within three business days.

42       5. Tier I sexual offenders, in addition to the requirements of subsections 1 to 4 of this  
43 section, shall report in person to the chief law enforcement official annually in the month of  
44 their birth to verify the information contained in their statement made pursuant to section  
45 589.407. Tier I sexual offenders include:

46           (1) Any offender who has been adjudicated for the offense of:  
47              (a) Sexual abuse in the first degree under section 566.100 if the victim is eighteen  
48 years of age or older;  
49              (b) Sexual misconduct involving a child under section 566.083 if it is a first offense  
50 and the punishment is less than one year;  
51              (c) Sexual abuse in the second degree under section 566.101 if the punishment is less  
52 than a year;  
53              (d) Kidnapping in the second degree under section 565.120 with sexual motivation;  
54              (e) Kidnapping in the third degree under section 565.130;

55 (f) Sexual conduct with a nursing facility resident or vulnerable person in the first  
56 degree under section 566.115 if the punishment is less than one year;

57 (g) Sexual conduct under section 566.116 with a nursing facility resident or  
58 vulnerable person;

59 (h) Sexual ~~[contact with a prisoner or offender]~~ conduct in the course of public duty  
60 under section 566.145 if the victim is eighteen years of age or older;

61 (i) Sex with an animal under section 566.111;

62 (j) Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation under section 566.209 if the  
63 victim is eighteen years of age or older;

64 (k) Possession of child pornography under section 573.037;

65 (l) Sexual misconduct in the first degree under section 566.093;

66 (m) Sexual misconduct in the second degree under section 566.095;

67 (n) Child molestation in the second degree under section 566.068 as it existed prior to  
68 January 1, 2017, if the punishment is less than one year; or

69 (o) Invasion of privacy under section 565.252 if the victim is less than eighteen years  
70 of age;

71 (2) Any offender who is or has been adjudicated in any other state, territory, the  
72 District of Columbia, or foreign country, or under federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction of an  
73 offense of a sexual nature or with a sexual element that is comparable to the tier I sexual  
74 offenses listed in this subsection or, if not comparable to those in this subsection, comparable  
75 to those described as tier I offenses under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act,  
76 Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-248.

77 6. Tier II sexual offenders, in addition to the requirements of subsections 1 to 4 of this  
78 section, shall report semiannually in person in the month of their birth and six months  
79 thereafter to the chief law enforcement official to verify the information contained in their  
80 statement made pursuant to section 589.407. Tier II sexual offenders include:

81 (1) Any offender who has been adjudicated for the offense of:

82 (a) Statutory sodomy in the second degree under section 566.064 if the victim is  
83 sixteen to seventeen years of age;

84 (b) Child molestation in the third degree under section 566.069 if the victim is  
85 between thirteen and fourteen years of age;

86 (c) Sexual contact with a student under section 566.086 if the victim is thirteen to  
87 seventeen years of age;

88 (d) Enticement of a child under section 566.151;

89 (e) Abuse of a child under section 568.060 if the offense is of a sexual nature and the  
90 victim is thirteen to seventeen years of age;

91 (f) Sexual exploitation of a minor under section 573.023;

92 (g) Promoting child pornography in the first degree under section 573.025;  
93 (h) Promoting child pornography in the second degree under section 573.035;  
94 (i) Patronizing prostitution under section 567.030 **as it existed prior to August 28,**  
95 **2026, or commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of**  
96 **section 567.016;**

97 (j) Sexual ~~contact with a prisoner or offender~~ conduct in the course of public duty  
98 under section 566.145 if the victim is thirteen to seventeen years of age;

99 (k) Child molestation in the fourth degree under section 566.071 if the victim is  
100 thirteen to seventeen years of age;

101 (l) Sexual misconduct involving a child under section 566.083 if it is a first offense  
102 and the penalty is a term of imprisonment of more than a year; or

103 (m) Age misrepresentation with intent to solicit a minor under section 566.153;

104 (2) Any person who is adjudicated of an offense comparable to a tier I offense listed  
105 in this section or failure to register offense under section 589.425 or comparable out-of-state  
106 failure to register offense and who is already required to register as a tier I offender due to  
107 having been adjudicated of a tier I offense on a previous occasion; or

108 (3) Any person who is or has been adjudicated in any other state, territory, the District  
109 of Columbia, or foreign country, or under federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction for an offense  
110 of a sexual nature or with a sexual element that is comparable to the tier II sexual offenses  
111 listed in this subsection or, if not comparable to those in this subsection, comparable to those  
112 described as tier II offenses under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, Title I  
113 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-248.

114 7. Tier III sexual offenders, in addition to the requirements of subsections 1 to 4 of  
115 this section, shall report in person to the chief law enforcement official every ninety days to  
116 verify the information contained in their statement made under section 589.407. Tier III  
117 sexual offenders include:

118 (1) Any offender registered as a predatory sexual offender ~~as defined in section~~  
119 ~~566.123~~ or a persistent sexual offender as defined in section ~~566.124~~ **566.125;**

120 (2) Any offender who has been adjudicated for the crime of:

121 (a) Rape in the first degree under section 566.030;

122 (b) Statutory rape in the first degree under section 566.032;

123 (c) Rape in the second degree under section 566.031;

124 (d) Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree under section 568.045 if the  
125 offense is sexual in nature;

126 (e) Sodomy in the first degree under section 566.060;

127 (f) Statutory sodomy under section 566.062;

128 (g) Statutory sodomy under section 566.064 if the victim is under sixteen years of  
129 age;

130 (h) Sodomy in the second degree under section 566.061;

131 (i) Sexual misconduct involving a child under section 566.083 if the offense is a  
132 second or subsequent offense;

133 (j) Sexual abuse in the first degree under section 566.100 if the victim is under  
134 thirteen years of age;

135 (k) Kidnapping in the first degree under section 565.110 if the victim is under  
136 eighteen years of age, excluding kidnapping by a parent or guardian;

137 (l) Child kidnapping under section 565.115;

138 (m) Sexual conduct with a nursing facility resident or vulnerable person in the first  
139 degree under section 566.115 if the punishment is greater than a year;

140 (n) Incest under section 568.020;

141 (o) Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree under section 568.045 with  
142 sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse with a victim under eighteen years of age;

143 (p) Child molestation in the first degree under section 566.067;

144 (q) Child molestation in the second degree under section 566.068;

145 (r) Child molestation in the third degree under section 566.069 if the victim is under  
146 thirteen years of age;

147 (s) Promoting prostitution in the first degree under section 567.050 **as it existed prior**  
148 **to August 28, 2026**, if the victim is under eighteen years of age **or commercial sexual**  
149 **exploitation under subdivision (4) or (5) of subsection 1 of section 567.016 if the victim is**  
150 **under eighteen years of age**;

151 (t) Promoting prostitution in the second degree under section 567.060 **as it existed**  
152 **prior to August 28, 2026**, if the victim is under eighteen years of age **or commercial sexual**  
153 **exploitation under subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 567.016**;

154 (u) Promoting prostitution in the third degree under section 567.070 **as it existed**  
155 **prior to August 28, 2026**, if the victim is under eighteen years of age;

156 (v) Promoting travel for prostitution under section 567.085 **as it existed prior to**  
157 **August 28, 2026**, if the victim is under eighteen years of age;

158 (w) Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation under section 566.209 if the  
159 victim is under eighteen years of age;

160 (x) Sexual trafficking of a child in the first degree under section 566.210;

161 (y) Sexual trafficking of a child in the second degree under section 566.211;

162 (z) Genital mutilation of a female child under section 568.065;

163 (aa) Statutory rape in the second degree under section 566.034;

164 (bb) Child molestation in the fourth degree under section 566.071 if the victim is  
165 under thirteen years of age;

166 (cc) Sexual abuse in the second degree under section 566.101 if the penalty is a term  
167 of imprisonment of more than a year;

168 (dd) Patronizing prostitution under section 567.030 **as it existed prior to August 28, 2026**, if the offender is a persistent offender **or commercial sexual exploitation under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of section 567.016 if the offender is a persistent offender**;

172 (ee) Abuse of a child under section 568.060 if the offense is of a sexual nature and the  
173 victim is under thirteen years of age;

174 (ff) Sexual ~~contact with a prisoner or offender~~ **conduct in the course of public duty** under section 566.145 if the victim is under ~~[thirteen]~~ eighteen years of age;

176 ~~[(gg)] Sexual intercourse with a prisoner or offender under section 566.145;~~

177 ~~(hh)] (gg)~~ Sexual contact with a student under section 566.086 if the victim is under  
178 thirteen years of age;

179 ~~[(ii)] (hh)~~ Use of a child in a sexual performance under section 573.200; or

180 ~~[(ii)] (ii)~~ Promoting a sexual performance by a child under section 573.205;

181 (3) Any offender who is adjudicated for a crime comparable to a tier I or tier II  
182 offense listed in this section or failure to register offense under section 589.425, or other  
183 comparable out-of-state failure to register offense, who has been or is already required to  
184 register as a tier II offender because of having been adjudicated for a tier II offense, two tier I  
185 offenses, or combination of a tier I offense and failure to register offense, on a previous  
186 occasion;

187 (4) Any offender who is adjudicated in any other state, territory, the District of  
188 Columbia, or foreign country, or under federal, tribal, or military jurisdiction for an offense of  
189 a sexual nature or with a sexual element that is comparable to a tier III offense listed in this  
190 section or a tier III offense under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, Title I  
191 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-248; or

192 (5) Any offender who is adjudicated in Missouri for any offense of a sexual nature  
193 requiring registration under sections 589.400 to 589.425 that is not classified as a tier I or tier  
194 II offense in this section.

195 8. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 to 7 of this section, all Missouri  
196 registrants who work, including as a volunteer or unpaid intern, or attend any school whether  
197 public or private, including any secondary school, trade school, professional school, or  
198 institution of higher education, on a full-time or part-time basis or have a temporary residence  
199 in this state shall be required to report in person to the chief law enforcement officer in the  
200 area of the state where they work, including as a volunteer or unpaid intern, or attend any

201 school or training and register in that state. "Part-time" in this subsection means for more  
202 than seven days in any twelve-month period.

203 9. If a person who is required to register as a sexual offender under sections 589.400  
204 to 589.425 changes or obtains a new online identifier as defined in section 43.651, the person  
205 shall report such information in the same manner as a change of residence before using such  
206 online identifier.

207 595.120. 1. Prior to January 1, 2019, the department of public safety shall create a  
208 poster that provides information regarding the national human trafficking resource center  
209 hotline. The poster shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size  
210 and shall include a statement in substantially the following form:

211 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity  
212 and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm  
213 work, or any other activity – call the National Human Trafficking  
214 Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733  
215 (BEFREE) or visit the following website:  
216 [www.traffickingresourcecenter.org](http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org) to access help and services.

217 Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Missouri  
218 law.

219 The toll-free hotline is:

220 - Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
221 - Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization  
222 - Anonymous and confidential  
223 - Accessible in 170 languages  
224 - Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general  
225 information.".

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227 21 The statement shall appear on each poster in English, Spanish, and, for each county, any other  
228 language required for voting materials in that county under Section 1973 of the Voting Rights  
229 Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973, as amended. In addition to the national human  
230 trafficking resource center hotline, the statement may contain any additional hotlines  
231 regarding human trafficking for access to help and services.

232 22 2. Beginning March 1, 2019, the human trafficking hotline poster designed by the  
233 department of public safety shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in or near the bathrooms  
234 or near the entrance of each of the following establishments:

235 23 (1) Hotels, motels, or other establishments that have been cited as a public nuisance  
236 for [prostitution] **commercial sexual exploitation** under section 567.080;  
237 24 (2) Strip clubs or other sexually oriented businesses;

32       (3) Private clubs that have a liquor permit for on-premises consumption, do not hold  
33 themselves out to be food service establishments, and are not affiliated with any nonprofit  
34 fraternal, athletic, religious, or veteran ~~organizations~~ organization;

35       (4) Airports;

36       (5) Train stations that serve passengers;

37       (6) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;

38       (7) Urgent care centers;

39       (8) Privately operated job recruitment centers;

40       (9) Businesses or establishments that offer massage or body work services for  
41 compensation by individuals who are not licensed under section 324.265;

42       (10) Women's health centers;

43       (11) Abortion facilities as defined in section 188.015;

44       (12) Family planning clinics;

45       (13) Maternity homes as defined in section 135.600;

46       (14) Pregnancy resource centers as defined in section 135.630;

47       (15) Bus stations;

48       (16) Truck stops. For the purposes of this section, "truck stops" shall mean privately  
49 owned and operated facilities that provide food, fuel, shower or other sanitary facilities, and  
50 lawful overnight parking; and

51       (17) Roadside rest areas.

52       3. The department of public safety shall make the poster available for print on its  
53 public website. To obtain a copy of the poster, the owners or operators of an establishment  
54 required to post the human trafficking hotline notice under subsection 2 of this section may  
55 print the online poster using the online link or request that the poster be mailed for the cost of  
56 printing and first class postage.

57       4. Any owner or operator of an establishment required to post the human trafficking  
58 hotline notice under subsection 2 of this section who fails to comply with the requirement  
59 shall receive a written warning for the first violation and may be guilty of an infraction for  
60 any subsequent violation.

610.131. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 610.140 to the contrary, a  
2 person who at the time of the offense was under the age of eighteen, and has pleaded guilty to  
3 or has been convicted for the offense of prostitution under section 567.020, **as it existed prior**  
4 **to August 28, 2026**, may apply to the court in which he or she pled guilty or was sentenced  
5 for an order to expunge from all official records all recordations of his or her arrest, plea, trial,  
6 or conviction. If the court determines that such person was under the age of eighteen or was  
7 acting under the coercion, as defined in section 566.200, of an agent when committing the

8 offense that resulted in a plea of guilty or conviction under section 567.020, as it existed  
9 prior to August 28, 2026, the court shall enter an order of expungement.

10 2. Upon granting of the order of expungement, the records and files maintained in any  
11 administrative or court proceeding in an associate or circuit division of the circuit court under  
12 this section shall be confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court for  
13 good cause shown. The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the status he or  
14 she occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction and as if such event had never taken  
15 place. No person as to whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any  
16 provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of  
17 his or her failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement  
18 in response to any inquiry made of him or her for any purpose whatsoever and no such  
19 inquiry shall be made for information relating to an expungement under this section.

2 [567.020. 1. A person commits the offense of prostitution if he or she  
3 engages in or offers or agrees to engage in sexual conduct with another person  
4 in return for something of value to be received by any person.]

5 2. The offense of prostitution is a class B misdemeanor unless the  
6 person knew prior to performing the act of prostitution that he or she was  
7 infected with HIV in which case prostitution is a class B felony. The use of  
8 condoms is not a defense to this offense.

9 3. As used in this section, "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency  
10 virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

11 4. The judge may order a drug and alcohol abuse treatment program  
12 for any person found guilty of prostitution, either after trial or upon a plea of  
13 guilty, before sentencing. For the class B misdemeanor offense, upon the  
14 successful completion of such program by the defendant, the court may at its  
15 discretion allow the defendant to withdraw the plea of guilty or reverse the  
16 verdict and enter a judgment of not guilty. For the class B felony offense, the  
17 court shall not allow the defendant to withdraw the plea of guilty or reverse the  
18 verdict and enter a judgment of not guilty. The judge, however, has discretion  
19 to take into consideration successful completion of a drug or alcohol treatment  
program in determining the defendant's sentence.

20 5. A person shall not be certified as an adult or adjudicated as a  
21 delinquent for the offense of prostitution under this section if the person was  
22 under the age of eighteen at the time the offense occurred. In such cases where  
23 the person was under the age of eighteen, the person shall be classified as a  
24 victim of abuse, as defined under section 210.110, and such abuse shall be  
25 reported immediately to the children's division, as required under section  
26 210.115 and to the juvenile officer for appropriate services, treatment,  
27 investigation, and other proceedings as provided under chapters 207, 210, and  
28 211. Upon request, the local law enforcement agency and the prosecuting  
29 attorney shall assist the children's division and the juvenile officer in  
30 conducting the investigation.]

[567.030. 1. A person commits the offense of patronizing prostitution if he or she:

(1) Pursuant to a prior understanding, gives something of value to another person as compensation for having engaged in sexual conduct with any person; or

(2) Gives or agrees to give something of value to another person with the understanding that such person or another person will engage in sexual conduct with any person; or

(3) Solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual conduct with any person in return for something of value.

2. It shall not be a defense that the person believed that the individual he or she patronized for prostitution was eighteen years of age or older.

3. The offense of patronizing prostitution is a class B misdemeanor, unless the individual who the person patronizes is less than eighteen years of age but older than fifteen years of age, in which case patronizing prostitution is a class E felony.

4. The offense of patronizing prostitution is a class B felony if the individual who the person patronizes is fifteen years of age or younger. Nothing in this section shall preclude the prosecution of an individual for the offenses of:

(1) Statutory rape in the first degree pursuant to section 566.032;

(2) Statutory rape in the second degree pursuant to section 566.034;

(3) Statutory sodomy in the first degree pursuant to section 566.062; or

(4) Statutory sodomy in the second degree pursuant to section 566.064.]

[567.050. 1. A person commits the offense of promoting prostitution in the first degree if he or she knowingly:

(1) Promotes prostitution by compelling a person to enter into, engage in, or remain in prostitution;

(2) Promotes prostitution of a person less than sixteen years of age; or

(3) Owns, manages, or operates an interactive computer service, or conspires or attempts to do so, with the intent to promote or facilitate the prostitution of another. As used in this subdivision, the term "interactive computer service" shall mean any information service, system, or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a service or system that provides access to the internet and such systems operated or services offered by libraries or educational institutions.

2. The term "compelling" includes:

(1) The use of forcible compulsion;

(2) The use of a drug or intoxicating substance to render a person incapable of controlling his conduct or appreciating its nature;

(3) Withholding or threatening to withhold dangerous drugs or a narcotic from a drug dependent person.

3. (1) The offense of promoting prostitution in the first degree under subdivision (1) or (3) of subsection 1 of this section is a class B felony.

(2) The offense of promoting prostitution in the first degree under subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section is a class A felony if a person acts in reckless disregard of the fact that such conduct contributed to the offense of trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation under section 566.209.

30                   4. A person injured by the acts committed in violation of subdivision  
31                   (3) of subsection 1 of this section or subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this  
32                   section shall have a civil cause of action to recover damages and reasonable  
33                   attorneys' fees for such injury.

34                         5. In addition to the court's authority to order a defendant to make  
35 restitution for the damage or loss caused by his or her offense as provided in  
36 section 559.105, the court shall enter a judgment of restitution against the  
37 defendant convicted of violating subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section  
38 and subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section.]

2 |567.060. 1. A person commits the offense of promoting prostitution  
in the second degree if he or she knowingly:

2 [567.070. 1. A person commits the offense of promoting prostitution  
in the third degree if he or she knowingly:

12 or enterprise of prostitution.  
13       2. The offense of promoting prostitution in the third degree is a class E  
14 felony.]

1 |567.085. 1. A person commits the offense of promoting travel for  
2 prostitution if he or she knowingly sells or offers to sell travel services that  
3 include or facilitate travel for the purpose of engaging in prostitution as  
4 defined by section 567.020.

2. The offense of promoting travel for prostitution is a class D felony.]

[567.087. 1. No travel agency or charter tour operator shall:

2 (1) Promote travel for prostitution as described in section 567.085;

3 (2) Sell, advertise, or otherwise offer to sell travel services or facilitate

4 travel:

5 (a) For the purpose of engaging in a commercial sex act as defined in

6 section 566.010;

7 (b) That consists of tourism packages or activities using and offering

8 any sexual contact as defined in section 566.010 as enticement for tourism; or

9 (c) That provides or purports to provide access to or that facilitates the

10 availability of sex escorts or sexual services.

11 2. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any travel agency or

12 charter tour operator using advertisements that include the term "sex tours" or

13 "sex travel" or include depictions of human genitalia is in violation of this

14 section.]

[567.089. 1. No travel agency or charter tour operator shall engage in selling, advertising, or otherwise offering to sell travel services, tourism packages, or activities that solicit, encourage, or facilitate travel for the purpose of engaging in prostitution.

2 2. Upon violation of this section by a travel agency or charter tour operator, the secretary of state shall revoke the articles of incorporation of the travel agency or charter tour operator. The secretary of state, as part of a proceeding brought under this section, may order a freeze of the bank or deposit accounts of the travel agency or charter tour operator.]

[567.090. The general assembly by enacting this chapter intends to preempt any other regulation of the area covered by felony sections 567.050 through 567.070, to promote statewide control of prostitution, and to standardize laws that governmental subdivisions may adopt in other areas covered by this chapter. No governmental subdivision may enact or enforce a law that makes any conduct in the area covered by sections 567.050 through 567.070 subject to a criminal or civil penalty or sanction of any kind. Cities and towns may enact and enforce laws prohibiting and penalizing conduct subject to criminal or civil penalties or sanctions under other provisions of this chapter, but the provisions of such laws shall be the same and the authorized penalties or sanctions under such laws shall not be greater than those of this chapter. Cities and towns may also enact and enforce laws prohibiting and penalizing public solicitation of sexual conduct, whether or not the offer to engage in sexual conduct is in return for something of value, and health laws to prevent the spread of venereal diseases.]

[567.100. In addition to the responsibility of circuit attorneys and prosecuting attorneys in their respective jurisdictions to enforce the criminal provisions of this chapter, they shall have the duty to enforce the provisions of section 567.080; and the attorney general shall have a concurrent duty to enforce the civil provisions of section 567.080.]

2 [567.110. Any person who has been found guilty of a violation of  
3 section 567.020 or 567.030 and who is alleged and proved to be a persistent  
prostitution offender is guilty of a class E felony.]

2 [567.120. Any person arrested for a prostitution related offense, who  
3 has been found guilty of a prior prostitution related offense, may, within the  
sound discretion of the court, be required to undergo HIV testing as a  
4 condition precedent to the issuance of bond for the offense.]

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