

HOUSE BILL No. 1592

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-50-2-14.

Synopsis: Sexual predator sentencing. Requires a court to sentence a person convicted of a sexual predator felony to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of 20 or 25 years as a serial sexual predator if the state proves beyond a reasonable doubt that the person has accumulated at least two unrelated sexual predator felony convictions. Defines "sexual predator felony" as rape, criminal deviate conduct, child molesting, child exploitation, vicarious sexual gratification, child solicitation, child seduction, sexual misconduct with a minor, sexual battery, or incest.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-50-2-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1999]: **Sec. 14. (a) As used in this section, "sexual predator
4 felony" means:**
5 (1) **rape (IC 35-42-4-1);**
6 (2) **criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2);**
7 (3) **child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3);**
8 (4) **child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b));**
9 (5) **vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5);**
10 (6) **child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6);**
11 (7) **child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7);**
12 (8) **sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8);**
13 (9) **sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9); or**
14 (10) **incest (IC 35-46-1-3).**
15 (b) **The state may seek to have a person who is convicted of**
16 **committing a sexual predator felony sentenced to an additional**
17 **fixed term of imprisonment as a serial sexual predator by alleging,**



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1 on a page separate from the rest of the charging instrument, that
2 the person has accumulated at least one (1) prior unrelated sexual
3 predator felony conviction. However, a conviction does not count
4 for the purposes of this subsection if the conviction:

5 (1) has been set aside; or

6 (2) is a conviction for which the person has been pardoned.

7 (c) If the person was convicted of the sexual predator felony in
8 a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene for the sentencing hearing. If
9 the trial was to the court or the judgment was entered on a guilty
10 plea, the court alone shall conduct the sentencing hearing under
11 IC 35-38-1-3.

12 (d) A person is a serial sexual predator if the jury (if the hearing
13 is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds
14 that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the
15 person has accumulated at least one (1) prior unrelated sexual
16 predator felony conviction.

17 (e) The court shall sentence a person found to be a serial sexual
18 predator to an additional fixed term of imprisonment as follows:

19 (1) Twenty-five (25) years if:

20 (A) the sexual predator felony for which the person has
21 been convicted and is being sentenced; or

22 (B) any prior unrelated sexual predator felony the person
23 has accumulated;

24 is a Class A felony or Class B felony.

25 (2) Twenty (20) years if subdivision (1) does not apply.

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