
SENATE BILL No. 41

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

Synopsis: Attempted sex crimes as enhancement at sentencing. Provides that an attempted sex offense may be used to establish that a person is a repeat sex offender. Adds certain offenses that may be used to establish that a person is a repeat sex offender, and makes conforming amendments.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2006,
2 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 14. (a) **As used in this section, "sex offense"**
4 **means a felony conviction:**

- 5 (1) **under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-11, or under**
- 6 **IC 35-46-1-3;**
- 7 (2) **for an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense**
- 8 **described in subdivision (1); or**
- 9 (3) **for an offense under the laws of another jurisdiction,**
- 10 **including a military court, that is substantially similar to an**
- 11 **offense described in subdivision (1).**

12 ~~(a)~~ (b) The state may seek to have a person sentenced as a repeat
13 sexual offender for a sex offense under ~~IC 35-42-4-1 through~~
14 ~~IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3~~, or for an offense committed in another
15 jurisdiction that is substantially similar to a sex offense under
16 ~~IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3~~; **subsection (a)(1)**
17 **or (a)(2)** by alleging, on a page separate from the rest of the charging



1 instrument, that the person has accumulated one (1) prior unrelated
 2 felony conviction for a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through
 3 IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3; or for an offense committed in another
 4 jurisdiction that is substantially similar to a sex offense under
 5 IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3. **subsection (a).**

6 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** After a person has been convicted and sentenced for a felony
 7 committed **under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2)** after ~~sentencing~~ **having**
 8 **been sentenced** for a prior unrelated ~~felony conviction~~ **sex offense**
 9 under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3; or for an
 10 offense committed in another jurisdiction that is substantially similar
 11 to a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or
 12 IC 35-46-1-3; **subsection (a)**, the person has accumulated one (1) prior
 13 unrelated felony **sex offense** conviction. However, a conviction does
 14 not count for purposes of this subsection, if:

15 (1) it has been set aside; or

16 (2) it is one for which the person has been pardoned.

17 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** If the person was convicted of the **sex** offense in a jury trial,
 18 the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.
 19 If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty
 20 plea, the court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

21 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** A person is a repeat sexual offender if the jury (if the hearing
 22 is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that
 23 the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person had
 24 accumulated one (1) prior unrelated felony **sex offense** conviction.
 25 under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3; or had
 26 accumulated one ~~(1)~~ prior unrelated conviction for an offense
 27 committed in another jurisdiction that is substantially similar to a sex
 28 offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3.

29 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** The court may sentence a person found to be a repeat sexual
 30 offender to an additional fixed term that is the advisory sentence for the
 31 underlying offense. However, the additional sentence may not exceed
 32 ten (10) years.

33 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] IC 35-50-2-14, as**
 34 **amended by this act, applies only to crimes committed after June**
 35 **30, 2009.**

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