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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 176 (Formerly HSB 75)

Committee: **Judiciary**

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Continuous Sexual Abuse

• HF 176 updates the crime for continuous sexual abuse of a child.

• A person convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a child is guilty of a class "B" felony and must serve 70% of their 50-year sentence.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Sexual Abuse- Continuous Sexual Abuse of Child (709.23)

Strikes code that limits continuous sexual abuse of a child to sexual abuse in the second or third degree.

A person over 18 commits continuous sexual abuse of a child when the person engages in any combination of three or more sexual abuse acts with the same child, and 30 days have elapsed between the first and last act.

Section 2 - Felonies - Minimum Sentence for Certain Felonies - Eligibility for Prole or Work Release (902.12) A person convicted of sexual abuse of a child is guilty of a class "B" felony (50 years) and must serve 70% of the sentence.

Amendment Analysis