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AN ACT

To amend chapter 568, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to indecent solicitation of a child, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 568, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 568.085, to read as follows:

568.085. 1. A person at least seventeen years of age commits the crime of indecent solicitation of a child if such person solicits a child less than thirteen years of age to do any act, or solicits another person to arrange an act with a child less than thirteen years of age, which if done would be forcible rape, statutory rape in the first degree, sexual assault, forcible sodomy, statutory sodomy in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree,

- forcible sodomy, statutory sodomy in the first degree, child molestation in the first de
 child molestation in the second degree, deviate sexual assault or sexual abuse.
 - 2. It is not a defense to indecent solicitation of a child that the accused reasonably believed the child to be thirteen years of age or older.
- 9 3. Any person who commits indecent solicitation of a child is guilty of a class D 10 felony.
- 4. For the purposes of this section, "solicits" includes but is not limited to oral or written communication and communication by telephone, computer or other electronic means.