

HB 1153 -- Drug Crimes

Sponsor: Wilson (130)

This bill increases the penalties for some drug crimes when the offense takes place within close proximity to, or within easy access of, a child age 16 or younger. The bill:

(1) Makes it a class B felony to possess a controlled substance near a child. Under current law, possession of a controlled substance is a class C felony. However, if the controlled substance is less than 35 grams of marijuana, it is currently a class A misdemeanor; and the bill makes it a class D felony if the marijuana is near a child;

(2) Makes it a class B felony to possess more than 24 grams of ephedrine with the intent to manufacture amphetamine and do so near a child. Under current law, the possession of these drugs is a class D felony; and

(3) Makes it is a class B felony to possess chemicals that are precursor ingredients of methamphetamine when the chemicals are near a child. Possession of these chemicals is currently a class C felony.