

HB 2517 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Currently, the offenses of harassment in the first and second degrees do not apply to law enforcement officers conducting investigations. This bill repeals those provisions.

The bill increases the penalty of sexual abuse in the first degree, a class C felony in most cases, to a class B felony if the offense is committed by a law enforcement officer while the officer is acting in his or her official capacity as a law enforcement officer. This bill also increases the penalty for sexual abuse in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor in most cases, to a class E felony if the offense is committed by a law enforcement officer while the officer is acting in his or her official capacity as a law enforcement officer.

The bill adds provisions specifying that officers convicted of any of these offenses shall not be eligible to receive retirement benefits from their respective retirement benefit systems.