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## **Sen. Jack Goodman's Bill Issuing True Life Sentence for Child Rape Receives Final Senate Approval**

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### ***SB 36 Now Moves to House for Consideration***

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JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Jack Goodman's (R-Mt. Vernon) Senate Bill 36 today (2/19) received final approval from the Missouri Senate. The legislation increases the maximum sentence for forcibly raping or sodomizing a child 11 years or younger to life in prison with no possibility of parole.

Under current law, such criminals are eligible for parole after serving 30 years.

"Child rape is one of the most morally abhorrent crimes imaginable," Sen. Goodman said. "The people who violently terrorize our children should receive the maximum punishment we are able to deliver. I am pleased my colleagues in the Senate gave their swift approval to a bill that I believe must be added to our law books, and I urge the members of the House to do the same. "

Senate Bill 36 now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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