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# SENATE BILL NO. 321

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 589, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the offense of unlawful contact with a victim of a sexual offense, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 589, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 589.430, to read as follows:

**589.430. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful contact with a victim of a sexual offense if he or she:**

**(1) Is required to register as a sexual offender under sections 589.400 to 589.425; and**

**(2) Knowingly has direct or indirect contact with a victim of the offense for which he or she is required to register as a sexual offender for the purpose of harassing or disturbing the victim.**

**2. The offense of unlawful contact with a victim of a sexual offense is a class C felony until December 31, 2016, and a class D felony beginning January 1, 2017.**

**3. For purposes of this section, the phrase "harassing or disturbing" shall have the same meaning as "harasses" under section 565.225 until December 31, 2016, and "disturbs" under section 565.225 beginning January 1, 2017.**

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