

SENATE BILL NO. 1083

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ARTHUR.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 566, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the attorney general.

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

Section A. Chapter 566, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 two new sections, to be known as sections 566.219 and 566.230,
3 to read as follows:

566.219. 1. Upon receiving a referral from a
2 prosecuting attorney alleging any sexual offense involving a
3 child in chapter 566, any sexual offense involving a
4 vulnerable person in chapter 566, or any offense involving
5 trafficking in chapter 566, the attorney general may
6 commence prosecution of such offenses within sixty days of
7 receiving the referral by filing a complaint, information,
8 or indictment. Once the attorney general commences
9 prosecution pursuant to this section, he or she may
10 prosecute any additional offense that is part of the same
11 course of conduct as the offense or offenses originally
12 referred to the attorney general.

13 2. The attorney general, or one of his or her
14 assistants, shall have the authority to request an
15 examination before a grand jury and may sign indictments in
16 a case referred to the attorney general pursuant to
17 subsection 1 of this section.

566.230. There is created within the office of the
2 attorney general an abuse of children and vulnerable adults

3 division. No assistant attorney general while assigned to
4 the abuse of children and vulnerable adults division shall
5 participate in the prosecution or defense of any civil claim
6 on behalf of the state, any agency of the state, or any
7 officer of the state, except the prosecution of an action
8 alleging any sexual offense involving a child or a
9 vulnerable person in chapter 566 or any offense involving
10 trafficking in chapter 566.

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