

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2965</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Proposed Committee Substitute</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Pending</b>

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The committee substitute for HB2965 adds 'for life' to the sentencing option for child sexual abuse when the child is under 12 years of age, and adds 'life without parole' as a sentencing option when there is rape of a child under the age of six. The committee substitute also clarifies that the list of those eligible to witness an execution to include invited 'personnel' and not just correctional personnel.

HB2965 increases the fine for child sexual abuse from not more than \$5,000 to not more than \$20,000 and creates additional penalties for a person convicted of raping a child under the age of 6, making it punishable by death.

The bill also modifies the death penalty procedure to include the option of thiopental sodium delivered intravenously or a combination of midazolam and hydromorphone delivered intramuscularly.

Finally, HB2965 removes homelessness as a defense for violating the Sex Offender Registration Act and increases the punishment for failure to register from 5 years to not more than 20 years.

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