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December 8, 2010

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Dick L. Hess 0771

SUBJECT:

Introduction of Legislation - Former HB 669

Drug-Free School Zones

I plan to reintroduce HB 669 from Session 2009/10 which will amend the Crimes Code section dealing with drug-free school zones. This proposed change is based upon a suggestion by a retired state trooper in my district who spent a number of years in drug enforcement. Current law imposes a mandatory minimum sentence of two years imprisonment if an individual over the age of 18 delivers, or possesses with the intent to deliver, any controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a public, private or parochial school or college or university; or within 250 feet of a recreation center, playground or school bus.

My legislation will increase the size of a drug-free zone around a recreation center or playground from the current 250 feet to 1,000 feet.

To cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 787-7076 or email Barb Ramsey at <u>bramsey@pahousegop.com</u>.

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