

HCS HB 1426 -- PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

SPONSOR: Diehl

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill authorizes a county to create a voluntary registry of persons with health-related ailments to assist those individuals in case of disaster or emergency. No name, address, or any other personal identifying information used in a voluntary registry will be deemed a public record. If a disaster or emergency occurs that involves any person listed on the registry, an incident report will be made public.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is designed to protect the privacy of personal medical information contained in a special needs registry. The registry would be helpful for assisting those in need, who might be considered attractive targets, in the case of an emergency or disaster situation.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Diehl; St. Louis County Government; and Michael Nickel, St. Louis County Department of Human Services.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.