

HCS HB 362 -- EXPUNGEMENT

SPONSOR: Byrd (Lipke)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute specifies that when records of an alcohol-related driving offense or an arrest record are ordered expunged by the court the records and files maintained in any administrative, associate circuit court, or circuit court proceeding are confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies that civil filings are closed records and makes procedures consistent in civil and criminal cases.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lipke; and Office of State Courts Administrators.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that they oppose the closing of records.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Press Association.

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