HCS SB 1023 -- DNA PROFILING ANALYSIS

SPONSOR: Gibbons (Johnson, 61)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 13 to 0.

This substitute defines "central repository" and "forensic DNA analysis" and allows a person determined to be actually innocent of a crime to receive \$50 for each day of post-conviction incarceration and an automatic expungement of any records concerning the crime for which the person was innocent.

The substitute also extends the expiration date on criminal court surcharges from August 28, 2006, to August 28, 2013.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of a Cost of Unknown to an Income of \$576,922 in FY 2007, a Cost of Unknown to an Income of More than \$702,124 in FY 2008, and a Cost of Unknown to an Income of More than \$702,124 in FY 2009. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the DNA Testing Fund has been used as a source of money to pay restitution to those individuals who have been determined to be innocent of the crimes for which they were incarcerated. The fund was recently depleted. The bill will establish procedures to administer the fund more efficiently.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Gibbons; Missouri Catholic Conference; and State Highway Patrol.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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