

HCS#2 HB 1323 -- UNLICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

SPONSOR: Largent (Black)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute establishes Sam Pratt's Law which allows any court in a case involving the abuse, neglect, or death of a child to impose as a condition of release of the defendant that he or she be prohibited from providing child care services for compensation pending final disposition of the case.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will give the department the authority to investigate unlicensed child care providers when the provider has criminal charges pending against him or her relating to the abuse, neglect, or death of a child. The bill is necessary to protect Missouri children.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Black; and Debbie Thrasher; Child Care Aware of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill explained the current procedure when children are found to be in imminent danger in a licensed child care facility.

Testifying on the bill was Department of Health and Senior Services.