

HCS HB 1181 -- EXECUTIVE BRANCH REORGANIZATIONS

SPONSOR: Redmon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill changes the laws based on executive branch reorganizations within the departments of Social Services, Labor and Industrial Relations, Economic Development, Health and Senior Services, Public Safety, and Transportation. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Authorizes the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to incorporate future department reorganizations under Sections 26.500 to 26.540, RSMo, into statute, limiting the authority to name changes and movement of sections and subsections to the appropriate chapter (Section 3.060);

(2) Renames the Division of Design and Construction in the Office of Administration to the Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction and the Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications to the Information Technology Services Division;

(3) Eliminates the Division of Family Services in the Department of Social Services and transfers its duties and authority to the Family Support Division or the Children's Division and updates statutory references accordingly (Sections 8.700, 64.090 - 143.790, 160.700 - 172.875, 191.737, 193.075, 193.215, 198.428, 205.960 - 207.030, 208.050 - 208.070, 208.075 - 208.125, 208.145, 208.150, 208.154, 208.157, 208.180, 208.182, 208.190, 208.210, 208.325 - 208.337, 208.345, 208.400, 208.405, 208.636, 209.010 - 211.477, 226.805, 285.300, 324.032, 452.345 - 454.530, 487.150, 513.430, 590.040, 595.030, 632.070, 660.010, 660.130 - 660.526, 660.690, and 701.336);

(4) Eliminates the Division of Job Development and Training within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and transfers its authority and duties to the Division of Workforce Development within the Department of Economic Development, updates obsolete federal program references, and updates the appropriate statutory references (Sections 36.030 and 620.010 - 620.572);

(5) Renames the Missouri Minority Business Development Commission to the Missouri Minority Business Advocacy Commission (Section 37.013);

(6) Repeals an outdated provision requiring the Department of Economic Development and the Office of Administration to develop a

plan to increase procurements from minority businesses by all state departments and submit that plan to the Governor by July 1994 (Section 37.014);

(7) Eliminates the Division of Aging within the Department of Health and Senior Services and transfers its authority and duties to the department, removes obsolete language, and updates the appropriate statutory references (Sections 143.1002, 178.893 - 186.019, 192.1000, 192.1104, 197.312 - 198.018, 198.077 - 198.090, 198.421, 198.510, 198.515, 208.300, 208.533 - 208.621, 338.314, and 660.620);

(8) Transfers the duty to establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the costs of tuition, books, and fees to any public community college or vocational or technical school from the Commissioner of Education by rule and regulation to the Department of Higher Education (Sections 160.545 and 161.418);

(9) Moves the Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council from the Office of Administration to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Sections 161.905 - 161.945);

(10) Renames the Division of Medical Services within the Department of Social Services as the MO HealthNet Division and updates the appropriate statutory references (Sections 189.095, 191.853, 192.601, 198.189, 208.072, 208.152, 208.168, 208.175, 208.176, 208.204, 208.217, 208.225, 208.471, 208.477, 208.780, 376.819, and 630.097);

(11) Updates the appropriate statutory references to the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Unit (Sections 192.1106, 192.1108, 192.1110, 192.1112, 192.1114, 208.164, 208.165, and 660.075);

(12) Moves the Life Sciences Research Board from the Office of Administration to the Department of Economic Development and changes it from a III division to a III agency (Section 196.1103);

(13) Transfers the Division of Highway Safety and its authority, powers, duties, and functions from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Transportation (Sections 226.008 and 650.005);

(14) Eliminates the Division of Child Support Enforcement within the Department of Social Services and transfers its authority and duties to the Family Support Division in the department (Sections 454.460, 454.472 - 454.490, 454.496, 454.505 - 487.080, and 516.350);

(15) Allows any person to appeal to the Administrative Hearing Commission any decision made by the Department of Public Safety

regarding a claim filed on or after August 28, 2013, for compensation to victims of crime and specifies a person's rights regarding the appeal (Section 595.036);

(16) Transfers the authority, powers, functions, record, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Employment Security within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations related to job training and labor exchange funded with or based upon Wagner-Peyser funds and other federal and state workforce development programs administered by the Division of Employment Security to the Division of Workforce Development within the Department of Economic Development (Section 620.010);

(17) Repeals an outdated provision requiring the Missouri Minority Advocacy Commission to submit a plan to increase procurement from minority businesses by state departments and to recommend legislation to the General Assembly (Section 33.753); and

(18) Repeals obsolete provisions regarding private industry councils under the Job Training Partnership Act that were repealed by Section 199 of the Workforce Reinvestment Act (Section 620.483).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed to address governmental reorganizations and obsolete statutes.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Redmon.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying, for informational purposes only, said that there are six sections being repealed. The agencies determined that these sections were obsolete and no longer necessary. The Department of Mental Health wants to remain in statute in case it needs the authority in the future. The bill and all changes contained in it were done with the cooperation and agreement of all the agencies involved.

Testifying was Lori Strong-Goeke, Office of Administration.