

HCS SCS SB 530 -- TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

This bill changes the laws regarding the termination of parental rights under which a parent is presumed unfit to be a party to the parent and child relationship upon a showing in juvenile court of a consistent pattern of committing a specific abuse by adding the following circumstances:

(1) If, within eight hours after a child's birth, the child's birth mother has tested positive and over .08 blood content for alcohol or tested positive for cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, a controlled substance as defined in Section 195.010, RSMo, or a prescription drug as defined in Section 196.973, except those controlled substances or prescription drugs present in the mother's body as a result of medical treatment administered to the mother, and the birth mother is the biological mother of at least one other child who was adjudicated an abused or neglected minor by the mother or the mother has previously failed to complete recommended treatment services by the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services through a family-centered services case;

(2) If, at the time of the child's birth or within eight hours after a child's birth, the child tested positive for alcohol cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, a controlled substance as defined in Section 195.010 or a prescription drug as defined in Section 196.973, except those controlled substances or prescription drugs present in the mother's body as a result of medical treatment administered to the mother, and the birth mother is the biological mother of at least one other child who was adjudicated an abused or neglected minor by the mother or the mother has previously failed to complete recommended treatment services by the division through a family-centered services case; or

(3) If, within a three-year period immediately prior to termination adjudication, the parent has pled guilty to or has been convicted of a felony involving the possession, distribution, or manufacture of cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine and the parent is the biological parent of at least one other child who was adjudicated an abused or neglected minor by that parent or the parent has previously failed to complete recommended treatment services by the division through a family-centered services case.