

HCS HB 1930 -- REPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS

SPONSOR: Franklin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill establishes the requirement that every law enforcement agency must submit crime incident reports for the month to the Department of Public Safety by the 20th of the following month and requires the State Highway Patrol to include incidents of domestic violence, regardless of whether an arrest is made in the annual crime report.

The bill requires every public institution of higher education to enter into a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement agencies concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as defined in the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Section 1092(f), involving students both on and off campus. The memorandum must contain procedural requirements for reporting an offense, protocol for establishing who has jurisdiction, and criteria for determining when an offense is to be reported to law enforcement.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the impact on the state will be great. These reports will give the state the ability to keep track of incidents regardless of whether an arrest results. This will be a helpful tool for determining the needs of the various communities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Franklin; Missouri Department Of Public Safety; Kyle Comer, Missouri State Highway Patrol; and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.