

HB 1637 -- FOSTER CARE CASE MANAGEMENT PLANS

SPONSOR: Neely

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-Being of Young People by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 present.

This bill extends the time by which a case management plan must be developed for a child entering foster care after the initial investigation from 14 days to 30 days.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will create equal requirements for contracted case managers and state-employed social workers, as state-employed social workers currently have 30 days to complete a case management plan.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Neely; Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies; Department of Social Services; Great Circle; and the Office of Child Advocate.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.