

HB 1767 -- ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN

SPONSOR: Arthur

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-Being of Young People by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill changes the law regarding assessment and treatment services for children in foster care. The bill specifies that assessment and treatment services must be completed in accordance with the periodicity schedule set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The bill also requires assessment and treatment services for all children in foster care; previously such services were only needed for children under ten.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill makes wellness visits more age appropriate care for children in the foster system and will be a savings to the state without compromising quality of care.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Arthur; Missouri Coalition Of Children's Agencies; Fosteradopt Connect; Office of Child Advocate; Missouri Kids First; and Tim Decker, Department of Social Services, Children's Division.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.