

CCS SCS SB 83 -- COURT PROCEEDINGS

This bill modifies provisions relating to court proceedings.

CHILD RELOCATION

The bill requires a party intending to relocate a child subject to a custody or visitation agreement to notify any other parties entitled to custody or visitation of their right to file a motion seeking an order to prevent the relocation and an accompanying affidavit setting forth the specific good faith factual basis for opposing the relocation within 30 days of receipt of the notice (Section 452.377, RSMo).

GRANDPARENT VISITATION

Currently, grandparents may file a motion to modify a decree of dissolution when they have been unreasonably denied a right to visit their grandchildren for a period of 90 days. This bill changes that time period to 60 days (Section 452.402).

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

This bill removes a provision requiring the Director of the Public Defender's Office to prepare a plan to establish district offices, which would coincide with existing judicial circuits (Sections 476.001 and 600.042).

SAVE THE FAMILY FARM ACT

This bill creates the "Save the Family Farm Act", creating new provisions regulating the partition of property among heirs. This bill only applies to property that is determined by a court to be "heirs' property," as defined in the bill. These provisions apply to all partition actions filed on or after August 28, 2019 (Sections 528.700, 528.705, 528.710, 528.715, 528.720, 528.725, 528.730, 528.735, 528.740, 528.745 and 528.750).