

HB 1613 -- INTERSTATE COMPACT CHILD PLACEMENT

SPONSOR: Coleman (97)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services, in conjunction with the Office of Administration, to implement a computerized method of allowing data and document exchange for the purpose of placing children across state lines in adoption and foster cases.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill helps to speed adoptions and reduce costs by not requiring adoptive parents to spend time away from home, waiting for papers to be mailed. Most other states have electronic systems and the Representative said that she has not been able to get a clear answer as to why Missouri does not.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Coleman and Kids Win Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.