

HB 2199 -- CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

SPONSOR: Gannon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 11 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill requires child restraint seats to be rear facing for children under two years of age.

This bill is the same as HB 848 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that car seat manufacturers have made changes that allow this practice to be implemented and it will save lives.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gannon; Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics; Missouri State Medical Association; BJC Health Care, St. Louis Children's Hospital; and Craig Stevenson, Kids Win Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.