

HB 995 -- MEDICAL CONFIDENTIALITY

SPONSOR: Taylor (139)

The bill establishes criteria for what a laboratory is able to do with any biological specimen collected or received by a laboratory from an individual.

Biological specimen shall not be released for purposes of anonymous scientific study unless the individual or the parent or legal guardian for an individual who is a child consents to such release.

An individual or their guardian, at the time of collection, can direct the laboratory to return the specimen after testing has been performed, destroy the specimen or store the specimen. The laboratory must obtain consent to release the specimen for anonymous scientific study from the individual or guardian for any specimen collected prior to the effective date of this bill, unless consent was given at the time of collection.

These provisions shall not apply to biological specimens subject to the requirements of Section 375.1309, RSMo or biological specimens obtained from infants for testing of metabolic and genetic diseases in accordance with Section 191.331 that are subject to the confidentiality requirements of Section 191.317.

A violation of this provisions in a class A felony.

This bill contains an emergency clause.