

HCS HB 1215 -- ESCAPE FROM COMMITMENT

SPONSOR: Mayer (Engler)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute makes it a class D felony for a person who has been civilly committed as a sexual predator to escape from commitment.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill corrects an oversight made when the law creating the sexual predator civil commitment process was enacted several years ago. Under current law, a person civilly committed as a sexually violent predator cannot be charged with the crime of escape.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Engler; and Office of the Attorney General.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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