

HB 700 -- ENDANGERMENT OF INDIVIDUALS AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Moore

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill makes it a class C felony for any person held in a correctional setting within this state who is knowingly infected with HIV, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C to intentionally cause another person to come into contact with any of their bodily fluids.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that these types of actions can be life threatening. The Department of Corrections has had 146 incidents where inmates have thrown bodily fluids on staff. In states where the penalty has increased to a felony, the incidents have decreased significantly.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Moore; and Department of Corrections.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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