

HCS SB 216 -- STATE CRIME LABORATORIES

SPONSOR: Champion (Goodman)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 13 to 0.

This substitute requires depositions of employees of publicly funded crime laboratories to take place in the county where the person is employed unless otherwise ordered by a court.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that by requiring the deposition to be taken in the county where the lab is located, the employee does not have to travel which saves time and money. This is important because there is a severe backlog of cases requiring analysis.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Champion; and State Highway Patrol.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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