

HB 1437 -- POISON CONTROL

SPONSOR: Threlkeld

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill abolishes the Advisory Committee on Poison Control and transfers its powers and certain duties to the Department of Health and Senior Services. The department in conjunction with local health agencies and health care providers will determine the region to be served by the Missouri Regional Poison Information Center.

The requirement that an annual report be submitted to the presiding officers of the General Assembly and the department is removed.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that while the advisory committee served a vital function in the implementation of poison control centers, the functions are now completed and handled through other mechanisms.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Threlkeld; Department of Health and Senior Services; and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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