

HB 957 -- Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council

Sponsor: Cooper (155)

This bill renames the Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council to the Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council and transfers it to the Department of Health and Senior Services from the Office of Administration. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Decreases the number of members on the council from 25 to 18;
- (2) Requires the department director to appoint members to the council;
- (3) Prohibits members of the council from receiving compensation for their services;
- (4) Defines "brain injury" and "traumatic brain injury";
- (5) Requires the department to plan and implement programs promoting rehabilitation and community reintegration, apply for and administer federal grants, and establish a means test to be applied to all programs and services funded by the department for determining eligibility;
- (6) Prohibits the department from denying services based on race, sex, creed, marital status, national origin, handicap, or age; and
- (7) Renames the Head Injury Fund to the Brain Injury Fund for use by the department.