

HCS HB 1090 -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES

SPONSOR: McCaherty

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill allows a Department of Corrections employee classified as a Corrections Officer I or Corrections Officer II who has accrued any overtime hours to use those hours as compensatory leave time if the leave time is available and agreed upon by the employee and his or her supervisor. An employee may retain up to 80 hours of compensatory time at any time during the year.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that currently corrections officers are required to work overtime and forced to take time off. The bill is an issue of fairness by creating an option for corrections officers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McCaherty and Gary Gross, Missouri Corrections Officer Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.