

HB 1906 -- CYBER CRIME LAW ENFORCEMENT FORCES

SPONSOR: Schieber

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0.

The provisions regarding Internet cyber crime law enforcement task forces and the Cyber Crime Investigation Fund expired on June 5, 2012. This bill extends these provisions to August 28, 2024 and removes appropriations for the fund.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will extend the cooperative efforts of law enforcement currently working together as a task force and prevent serious cyber crimes such as child pornography. Investigation of these crimes involves specialization in computer technology and often requires psychological training to deal with young witnesses. The bill will fund an account that is one of the primary sources of funding to prevent Internet based crimes against children in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Schieber and Mims; Captain Randy Pittman, Manager, Western Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force; Dan Knight; Adam Kavanaugh; and Kerry Messer, Missouri Family Network.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.