HB 2654 -- REFUGEES

SPONSOR: Moon

This bill requires refugees placed in this state under the federal Refugee Resettlement Program to register with the Department of Social Services within 30 days. Refugees must provide the department with specific information, including but not limited to, their name, address, telephone number, and employment status. The information will then be stored in a public database. This bill prevents any state or local funds from being expended, directly or indirectly, on refugees placed in Missouri under the Refugee Resettlement Program.

If a person provides sponsorship or resettlement services to a refugee from a country sponsoring terrorism and that refugee causes a person's death or personal injury or destroys or damages property belonging to a person, the sponsor can recover damages in a civil action against the voluntary resettlement organization and the organization's directors, individually.