

HB 1112 -- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

SPONSOR: Tate

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill modifies the definitions of child abuse and child neglect to include any victims of sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking. The bill also specifies that any person responsible for the care, custody, and control of the child will include any person who takes control of the child by deception, force, or coercion.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that it is important to include victims of trafficking in the definitions of child abuse and neglect.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Tate; Caitlin Whaley, Mo Department Of Social Services; Emily J Van Schenk Hof, and Missouri Kids First.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.