

SCS SB 229 -- MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES

SPONSOR: Riddle (Fitzwater (49))

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass Not Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill exempts the first Sunday of November each year when Daylight Saving Time ends from current law requirements that limit the number of hours a state employee may work in a 24-hour period in certain secured mental health facilities.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the current statute requires that on the day Daylight Saving Time ends, the Governor must declare a state of emergency in order to allow state employees to work the extra hour and this bill exempts that day from the requirement.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Riddle and Rick Gowdy.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.