

HB 1728 -- JUVENILE COURTS

SPONSOR: Lant

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-Being of Young People by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, any order or judgment entered by the juvenile court takes precedence over any order or judgment concerning status or custody of a child under 21 years of age, as long as the order or judgment remains in effect. This bill specifies that the order or judgment by the juvenile court shall take precedence over other orders concerning status or custody of a child under 21 years of age, or orders of guardianship, so long as the juvenile court exercises continuing jurisdiction. The bill also specifies additional powers a court exercising jurisdiction over a child under 21 shall have. The bill further provides provisions regarding custody, support, or visitation orders entered by a court having jurisdiction over a child under 21.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will fix situations where the safety of a child is assured, but the juvenile court is still involved, wasting time and resources for the court and the family.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lant; Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies; Missouri Juvenile Justice Association; and Tim Decker, Department of Social Services, Children's Division.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.