

HCS HB 2259 -- EVIDENTIARY COLLECTION KITS

SPONSOR: Lichtenegger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill creates an electronic tracking system, established by the Missouri Attorney General, for evidentiary collection kits, and specifies what the electronic tracking system shall involve. Each person who may handle an evidentiary test kit shall be able to check its status, obtain reports, and receive status updates, and victims may access the system to monitor the status of their evidentiary test kit.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this establishes a needed electronic tracking system for rape kits, and there might be some available grant money to get rid of some of the fiscal note. Many kits get lost in the process and this tracking system will help keep track of them.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lichtenegger and Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Sexual Violence.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.