

HCS HB 745 -- CUSTODY NOTIFICATIONS

SPONSOR: Ruth

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill requires courts to notify school administrators of any change in a child's custody within one business day of the change, and for the school to acknowledge the change notification within one business day. The bill makes the notification part of the court order and specifies methods for transmission of the notice for certain types of custody changes.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help prevent child endangerment and ensure that custody orders are enforced promptly to prevent harm.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Ruth.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the process of notification must be clarified and made part of the court order itself.

Testifying on the bill were the Missouri Circuit Clerks Association; and the Judicial Conference of Missouri.