

HCS HB 2170 -- PAROLE BOARD

SPONSOR: Christofanelli

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 8 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2170.

This bill modifies provisions relating to the parole board by updating board and division titles. The bill specifies that a fire department or fire protection district member in good standing with a valid concealed carry endorsement issued prior to August 28, 2013, may carry a firearm or other lethal weapon into a church, school, or other area where firearms are restricted if such use is reasonably associated with or necessary to the fulfillment of his or her duties.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is a technical fix for a mistake on last year's HB 1355. This bill goes through all 44 sections and specifies who is responsible for what. This is supported by the Parole Board and the Director of Corrections.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Christofanelli; Missouri Department of Corrections; and Kevin Merritt, Missouri Sheriffs' Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

This bill is similar to SCS SB 862 (2020).