

HCS HB 2202 -- CHILD CARE

SPONSOR: Shields

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 13 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2202.

This legislation makes several changes to licensing for child-care facilities.

This bill removes the requirement to renew licenses every two years (Section 210.221, RSMo).

The bill updates the requirements for background checks to agree with the change in raising the age for certification as an adult in the commission of a crime to age 18, updates the list of crimes that makes a person ineligible to be a child care provider, and clarifies the procedures and designated department to oversee the background check process for licensed, licensed-exempt and unlicensed facilities.

Finally, the bill also updates the appeal process for a person denied a license based on the results of a background check (Section 210.1080).

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 will help keep children safe. This bill help maintain the integrity of the program and streamline the licensing process with the same amount of oversight.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shields; Missouri State Alliance Of YMCAs; Kids Win Missouri; and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that are available to provide additional information.

Testifying on the bill was Sue Porting, Section For Child Care Regulation.

