HCS SS#2 SB 823 -- CARE OF CHILDREN

SPONSOR: White (Cupps)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Public Policy by a vote of 6 to 0. Vote "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for SB 823.

Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of the additional language added to the House Committee Substitute.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would help provide the best care for children across the state. It provides for the implementation of the federal Family First Act that will help keep children at home with their families if at all possible. It also protects minors who are part of judicial proceedings. It would productively protect their identities rather than the minor or his or her guardian having to petition to have personal information held confidential.

Testifying for the bill were Senator White; Missouri Coalition for Children; Kara Elms; and Kids Win Missouri. Additional written testimony was submitted in support of the bill.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.