

HCS SCS SB 982 -- YOUTH SERVICES

SPONSOR: Arthur (Cupps)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Public Policy by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "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 982.

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 codifies changes that the agencies have already implemented. By creating the Office of Childhood, the state has a more efficient approach to early childhood education and can better spend state funds on programs to benefit the children of Missouri. The Office has been meeting and working with stakeholders to ensure that children across the state are receiving the best services possible.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Arthur; Morgan Atwood, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education; Missouri State Alliance of YMCA's; Missouri Coalition for Children; Kids Win Missouri; and Children's Trust Fund. Additional written testimony was submitted in support of the bill.

OPPONENTS: Written testimony was submitted in opposition to the bill.

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.