

HCS HB 2596 -- ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD

SPONSOR: Cook

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2596.

This bill clarifies that certain sentences for the offense of abuse or neglect of a child must be carried out for specified time periods by incarceration in a Department of Corrections facility or a jail in Missouri, including incarceration periods prior to sentencing, prior to eligibility for probation, parole, or conditional release.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will ensure fair penalties for child abuse by preventing outcomes such as home arrest. It is a good idea to require offenders to serve a year in some type of Missouri prison or jail prior to probation or parole in order to allow for proper rehabilitation and victim security.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cook; Arnie C. Dienoff; and Rowdy Douglas.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill provided testimony.

Testifying on the bill was Susan Gibson.

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.