

HB 876 -- ARREST RECORDS

SPONSOR: Salva

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 15 to 1.

Under current law, any person involved in an incident for which a police report was filed may obtain a copy of the police incident report, if needed for a civil action. This bill allows the parent or child of the person to obtain the information when the person is deceased or has been judged incompetent.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows family members of crime victims to access more information regarding the crime in order to achieve some closure.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Salva; Robert WitbolsFeugen; and Missouri Press Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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