

HCS HB 2060 -- MINIMUM COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CORRECTIONS  
EMPLOYEES

SPONSOR: Kelly (Deeken)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on  
Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 7 to 0.

Subject to appropriations, this substitute authorizes minimum  
amounts of compensation for certain corrections employees.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of  
\$15,704,445 to \$18,209,220 in FY 2009, \$18,845,333 to \$20,954,824  
in FY 2010, and \$18,845,333 to \$23,502,094 in FY 2011. No impact  
on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Missouri corrections officers  
are the lowest paid in the country. The Department of  
Corrections experiences a high rate of turnover, especially in  
newer employees. The state spends an exorbitant amount of money  
on training, and many officers leave the department after they  
receive training to seek more gainful employment. In order to  
maintain a qualified staff, the state needs to provide adequate  
compensation. Noncustodial staff should also be included in the  
bill.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Deeken; Missouri  
Corrections Officers Association; and Missouri Association of  
Correctional Employees.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.