

HCS HB 1900 -- REORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SPONSOR: McNary (Redmon)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute restructures the statutes based on executive branch reorganizations. In its main provisions, the substitute:

(1) Authorizes the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to incorporate executive department reorganization under Sections 26.500 to 26.540, RSMo. The authority is limited to name changes and movement of portions or statutory sections to the appropriate chapters of law;

(2) Renames the Division of Design and Construction in the Office of Administration to the Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction and the Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications to the Information Technology Services Division;

(3) Renames the Missouri Minority Business Development Commission to the Missouri Minority Business Advocacy Commission;

(4) Repeals an outdated provision requiring the Department of Economic Development and the Office of Administration to develop a plan to increase procurements from minority businesses by all state departments and submit that plan to the Governor by July 1994;

(5) Transfers the duty to establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the costs of tuition, books, and fees to any public community college or vocational or technical school from the Commissioner of Education by rule and regulation to the State Board of Education and with the advice of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in the Department of Higher Education;

(6) Moves the Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council from the Office of Administration to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;

(7) Moves the Life Sciences Research Board from the Office of Administration to the Department of Economic Development and changes it from an III division to an III agency;

(8) Allows any person to appeal to the Administrative Hearing Commission any decision made by the Department of Public Safety regarding a claim filed on or after August 28, 2012, for compensation to victims of crime and specifies a person's rights

regarding the appeal; and

(9) Repeals an outdated provision requiring the Missouri Minority Advocacy Commission to submit a plan to increase procurement from minority businesses by state departments and recommended legislation to the General Assembly.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill represents a clean-up of various statutes that have not been updated over the years. It is a first step toward some reorganization issues and was drafted in coordination with the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Redmon; and Office of Administration.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that they are trying to standardize the way appeals are handled at the Department of Public Safety.

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