

HB 185 -- PALLISTER-KILLIAN SYNDROME DAY

SPONSOR: Kirkton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill designates December 4 as "PKS Day" in Missouri. Pallister-Killian Syndrome (PKS) is a disorder usually caused by the presence of an abnormal extra chromosome and is characterized by vision and hearing impairments, seizure disorders, and early childhood, intellectual disability, distinctive facial features, sparse hair, areas of unusual skin coloring, weak muscle tone, and other birth defects. The bill encourages Missouri citizens to participate in awareness and educational activities on the symptoms and impact of PKS and to support programs of research, education, and community service.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that PKS is an abnormality of chromosome 12, where the individual has four copies of the chromosome. There are currently four children who are known to have PKS in Missouri; however, PKS often goes undiagnosed, so the prevalence of the syndrome is very hard to determine. Designating December 4 as PKS Day will help with fundraising efforts.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kirkton.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.