

HCS HB 290 -- ADOPTION INVESTIGATIONS

SPONSOR: Lichtenegger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 19 to 0. Rules Committee voted "Do Pass - Not Consent."

This substitute adds licensed professional counselors and psychologists that are associated with licensed child placement agencies and social workers to the list of people authorized to conduct a full investigation into whether an individual is suitable as an adoptive parent for a child.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill gives the courts more options when conducting adoption investigations.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lichtenegger; and Dan Holdinghouse, Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.