

CCS SCS SB 921 -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (Section 9.172, RSMo)

This bill designates February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and encourages citizens to observe the month with appropriate activities and events to raise awareness of abuse in teen relationships.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT REPORTING (Sections 43.545, 455.543, and 455.545)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol must report all domestic violence incidents for compilation in the annual crime report published by the Department of Public Safety. This bill removes the current time requirements for the required reporting by law enforcement agencies of domestic violence-related homicides and suicides to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 1 instead of February 1.

HIGHER EDUCATION MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (Section 173.2050)

This bill also requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education in Missouri to engage in discussions with law enforcement agencies and enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students on and off campus. The memorandum of understanding must contain detailed policies and protocols regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students that comports with the best and current professional practices and set out the procedural requirements for the reporting of an offense, protocol for establishing jurisdiction, and criteria for determining when an offense must be reported to law enforcement.

COMPENSABLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES (Section 595.030)

Currently, compensation paid for mental health services from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund may only be paid if the service was provided by certain licensed professionals. This bill adds licensed board-certified psychiatric-mental health clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners to the list.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS (Section 595.209)

Currently, victims of certain specified crimes automatically have certain enumerated rights. Victims of other types of crimes have the same rights upon written request. This bill adds victims of sexual offenses and victims of domestic assault to the list of

crime victims who automatically have enumerated rights.