

HCS HB 1751 -- CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SPONSOR: Roark (Munzlinger)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 0.

This substitute revises the laws so that minors may acquire, use, and transfer, but not buy or sell, handguns subject only to federal regulations. A permit will no longer be required for any person to acquire, use, or possess a handgun. The penalty for minors acquiring, using, or transferring a firearm in violation of the substitute will be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100 or less.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow minors to engage in hunting and shooting sports and all other activities allowed by federal law.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Munzlinger; and National Rifle Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that abolishing the permit system entirely is permissible, is in accordance with other state's laws, and will simplify the law.

Others testifying on the bill were Missouri Sheriffs' Association; and Kevin Jameson.

Jason Glahn, Legislative Analyst