

HB 749 -- CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

SPONSOR: Lasater

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill designates April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" to be observed with activities that increase awareness of the issue and the prevention methods available to reduce child abuse incidents.

The bill also designates the blue ribbon as the official state symbol for child abuse prevention.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill helps to increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect in order to reduce its occurrence.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Lasater.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.