

HB 874 -- Orders of Protection

Sponsor: Grisamore

This bill changes the laws regarding ex parte orders and orders of protection. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Specifies that the juvenile court or family court will have exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings involving an order of protection when the respondent is younger than 17 years of age;
- (2) Requires the court to transfer a case to juvenile court for a hearing on a full order of protection if an ex parte order is entered and the respondent is younger than 17 years of age;
- (3) Requires the local law enforcement agency or any other government agency responsible for serving ex parte orders of protection to enter service information into the State Highway Patrol's Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) or future electronic databases that are intended for law enforcement use within 24 hours after an ex parte order is served on a respondent; and
- (4) Specifies that the provisions regarding the Amber Alert System will be known as Sam and Lindsey's Law and requires the law enforcement agency maintaining MULES to enter information contained in an order of protection including any orders regarding child custody or visitation and all specifics as to the times and dates of custody or visitation provided in the order. Any change in child custody or visitation within an order must be issued to the local law enforcement agency and the agency responsible for entering the information into MULES.