

HB 1824 -- DEATH PENALTY COST

SPONSOR: McGaugh

This bill requires the State Auditor to make a one-time report on the costs to the county and state government in the prosecution and defense of at least 10 death penalty cases filed after January 1, 1990 compared to the costs of an equal number of first degree murder cases filed after January 1, 1990 where the death penalty was not sought and the defendant was sentenced to life in prison without parole. The auditor has discretion to make additional comparisons and the bill specifies costs to be included in the analysis. The bill requires the Auditor to present the report to the Governor, General Assembly, and Missouri Supreme Court by June 30, 2018.