

HB 201 -- CORRECTIONS OFFICER CONFIDENTIALITY

SPONSOR: McGirl

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill includes anyone employed by the Department of Corrections, corrections officers, and jailers in the list of persons whose home address and vehicle information is to be kept confidential by the Department of Revenue under Section 32.056, RSMo.

This bill is the same as HB 1418 (2020).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the main purpose of this bill is to protect those who have contact with offenders. The bill will keep certain information private so that Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) employees can fulfill their duties safely. Working for MDOC can be dangerous, and some employees may be frequently threatened. The home addresses and vehicle information of employees should be held confidential to prevent retaliation and to protect employees. Supporters also say that the protection that this bill provides is already extended to prosecutors and judges and should be extended to all MDOC employees.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGirl and Department Of Corrections.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they were available to answer any questions.

Testifying on the bill was Joshua Shewmaker, Department of Revenue.