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House Approves Children's Bill of Courtroom Rights *Dixon's HB 1611 Third Read and Passed*

Jefferson City, MO — On motion of Representative Bob Dixon (R-Springfield), HCS HB 1611 was read the third time and passed. HB 1611 establishes a Children's Bill of Courtroom Rights for all children testifying in court. Among the rights included in HB 1611, a child testifying would have the right to a comfort item, the right to testify at a time of day conducive to the child, the right to understand the oath administered and questions asked, the right to a support person, and the right to be comfortable when testifying, upon judge discretion.

"For the sake of justice, it is time to clarify. For the sake of uniformity and consistency it is time to codify. For the sake of the children Mr. Speaker, it is time to third read the Children's Bill of Courtroom Rights," stated Rep. Dixon just before the vote on the bill took place.

House Bill 1611 passed 100-48 and will move on to the Senate for final approval.

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