

SCS SB 1304 -- SPECIAL ALLOCATION FUND

SPONSOR: Griesheimer (Lembke, 85)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 16 to 0.

This substitute allows any district providing emergency services to be reimbursed from the Special Allocation Fund for at least 50%, but not more than 100%, of the district's tax increment.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this funding mechanism for some emergency districts was created in a bill enacted in 2002, but was later declared unconstitutional because of a procedural technicality. Because the framework for this funding mechanism was already created and in place, the bill is needed to legally authorize the collection of those funds.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Griesheimer; Fire Service Alliance; and St. Charles County Ambulance District.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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