

HB 473 -- PUPIL RESIDENCY WAIVERS

SPONSOR: Yates

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 15 to 0.

This bill permits school boards to convene a committee, rather than a meeting of the full board, to hear pupil residency waiver requests.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that although there is precedent in statute for a committee acting with final authority for the full board of education, there is no specific grant of authority for residency waiver hearings. Having clear authority will mean speedier hearings, so students who need to be in the classroom can be enrolled faster.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Yates; Missouri School Boards Association; Missouri National Education Association; and Missouri School Administrators Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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