

SCS SB 266 -- TEACHERS

SPONSOR: Gibbons (Fares)

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

Currently, the definition of "teacher" for the purposes of tenure includes certified teachers who teach at the pre-kindergarten level. This substitute clarifies that these teachers must be teaching in pre-kindergarten programs for which no fees are charged.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that without the clarification, some districts believe that their fee-paying, day care programs will be forced to close.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Gibbons; Missouri State Teachers Association; Missouri School Boards Association; Missouri National Education Association; Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis; and School Administrators Coalition.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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