

HB 1596 -- University of Missouri Land Use Projects

Sponsor: May

Currently, land owned and developed by the University of Missouri for research, development, and office parks is exempt from local zoning as long as the university consults with the city or county before the board of curators approves the plan. A planning commission may hold public hearings on the plan. This bill requires the commission to hold hearings and also requires the curators to ensure that the project conforms to the planning, transportation, environmental, health, and safety requirements of the city or county. The board of curators must also follow the public notice, meeting, and record requirements of the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law, and publish notice of the proposed project if it is for athletic, entertainment, or civic purposes at least three times in a general circulation newspaper in the county or counties in which the proposed project is located for these projects to qualify for development.