

HB 1062 -- GIFTED EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Dieckhaus

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

This bill requires a school district to include in its annual school accountability report card whether it has a state-approved gifted education program or services and the number and percentage of students currently being served in the program or services.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that reminding districts that gifted students need programs by requiring that the districts report that information may help programs survive without the separately designated funding stream they previously had.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Dieckhaus and Lampe; Gifted Association of Missouri; Missouri National Education Association; Sam Phillips; Missouri Coalition of School Administrators; Missouri School Boards Association; Missouri State Teachers Association; Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis; American Federation of Teachers Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.