

HB 1359 -- CONTRACTING WITH VENDORS AT CERTAIN STATE FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Flanigan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill provides that the Missouri State Capitol Commission will have the sole authority to enter into contracts with vendors for the sale of items, food, and beverages for events held at the state capitol. Such events shall be limited to those commemorating the anniversaries of the state capitol and the state of Missouri.

The bill also gives the Commissioner of Administration sole authority to enter into contracts for the sale of items, food, and beverages for events held at the Missouri State Penitentiary historic site. The Commissioner may authorize the vendor in such a contract for services at the Missouri State Penitentiary historic site to subcontract all or a portion of such services.

These provisions will expire on December 31, 2024.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that we are approaching the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the state capitol. The Missouri Capitol Commissions is planning many activities and commemorative events at the capitol. This bill would allow for the state to contract with vendors to sell food, beverages, and commemorative items at these events. The bill also allows this to be done in the Missouri State Prison, supporters feel this will help with tourism for Jefferson City.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Flanigan; Dana Miller, the Missouri Capitol Commission; Diane Gillespie, Jefferson City Visitors and Business Bureau; and Tom Rackers, the City of Jefferson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.