

HB 1054 -- GOVERNOR WITHHOLDING SCHOOL FUNDING

SPONSOR: Spencer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 9 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill changes the law on school funding so that the exemption from compliance with specified statutes by school districts in the event of withholding of funds by the Governor is permanent.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help school districts save money in the event their funding is reduced.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Spencer and School Administrators Coalition.

OPPONENTS: Those opposed to the bill say it will harm professional development and the state should have a policy that recognizes the importance of professional development.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri National Education Association.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill approve in part, but also do not want to see a decrease in professional development.

Testifying for informational purposes was Missouri State Teachers Association.