

HB 310 -- SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACTS

SPONSOR: Vescovo

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 8 to 5.

This bill requires every superintendent and assistant superintendent to enter into a written employment contract with a school district before beginning employment. The requirements of such contract is described within the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 2712 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that a lot of money is spent on superintendent buyouts. School board members don't always know what separation agreements should look like.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Vescovo and Missouri Education Reform Council.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say there isn't a perfect solution to this problem. School boards best decide how to do what is best for their communities and they are ultimately responsible to their communities. A lot of the members responsible for the previously mentioned situations were either not reelected or did not pursue reelection.

Testifying against the bill was the School Administrators Coalition.