

HB 1371 -- GIFTED EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Sommer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill requires any district with an approved gifted education program to have a process, approved by the district's board of education, that allows parents or guardians to appeal a determination that their child does not qualify to receive services through the district's gifted education program.

This bill is the same as HB 670 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that different districts have varying criteria for qualification for gifted education. Students may move from a district in which they qualify to a district in which they do not. An appeals process will help resolve such problems.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sommer; Dr. Robin Lady, Rockwood School District; and Missouri NEA.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.