

HCS SS SCS SB 843 -- BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Riddle

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 9 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 3.

This bill modifies, repeals, and transfers authority among boards and commissions. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Reduces the number of members on the State Capitol Commission from 11 to nine by removing two public members and requires one member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The commission is granted authority to supervise and coordinate activities in the Capitol building, grounds, and annex areas including evaluating and making recommendations involving the 21st-Century State Capitol Restoration Project. Annex areas will include the transportation building at 105 West Capitol Avenue if it is used for members of the General Assembly or legislative staff, and any other new building constructed for such purposes. The commission is required to issue an annual report based on the fiscal year and specified appropriation requirements for the Capitol building, grounds, and annex areas on or before October 1 of each year to the General Assembly and the Budget Director (Sections 8.003, 8.007, 8.015, and 8.017, RSMo);

(2) Authorizes the state auditor to conduct unemployment system studies previously done by the Missouri State Unemployment Council which is repealed (Sections 29.415 and 288.475);

(3) Adds two members to the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission (Section 41.1010);

(4) Changes the composition, quorum, and voting requirements for the Missouri Ethics Commission. Upon the effective date of the bill, only three members and three votes will be necessary for a quorum or motion passage. Beginning on March 16, 2022, there will be eight members of the commission with one from each congressional district in the state and quorum and voting requirements will be five members. Any eligible person may be appointed to the new eight-member commission. Procedures for filling vacancies and time limits are specified. The ethics commission changes are subject to an emergency clause (Sections 105.955 and 105.959);

(5) Removes the expiration date for the Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund, a tax refund checkoff to such fund, and the administration of the fund is changed from the

Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund Board, which is repealed by the bill, to the Missouri State Foster Care and Adoption Board (Sections 143.1015 and 453.600);

(6) Modifies the membership of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children to remove members of the General Assembly; add the Directors of the Children's Division, the Department of Mental Health, and the Children's Trust Fund Board; removes two teachers and adds a school principal and a school counselor; and removes the at-large member. Additionally, it requires the Director of the Department of Social Services to appoint all members currently appointed by the Governor. The bill directs the Task Force to focus on the prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse. The Department of Social Services, beginning January 1, 2019, shall work with the Task Force to make yearly reports to the General Assembly. Finally, the Task Force may adopt and submit to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education policy recommendations addressing sexual abuse of children (Sections 160.2100, 160.2110, 210.1200, and 210.1210);

(7) Reduces the Missouri Women's Council to 13 members with nine members appointed by the Governor. Such members shall serve terms of four years and may be reappointed. The council shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair. Currently, the council consists of 15 members, 11 of which are appointed by the Governor, that serve three year terms. In addition, currently the Governor appoints a chair and vice-chair (Section 186.007);

(8) Repeals The Missouri Area Health Education Centers Council and transfers its duties to the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services (Section 191.980);

(9) Consolidates the State Board of Health and the State Board of Senior Services into the newly created State Board of Health and Senior Services (Sections 91.640, 189.015 to 189.035, 191.400, 192.005 to 192.710, 192.2030, and 701.040);

(10) Repeals the State Hospital Advisory Council (Section 192.240);

(11) Repeals The Unmarked Human Burial Consultation Committee and transfers its duties to the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Sections 194.400 to 194.409);

(12) Changes the responsibility of the Umbilical Cord Blood Bank Grant Program from the Life Sciences Research Board to the State Board of Health and Senior Services (Section 191.756);

(13) Repeals a subcommittee on the development of a comprehensive

entry point system for long-term care within the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee (Section 208.955);

(14) Changes the membership of the Board for Certification of Interpreters from five members to three. One of the members shall be deaf, one shall be a certified interpreter, and one shall be either deaf or a certified interpreter (Sections 209.287 and 209.307);

(15) Reduces the membership of the Children's Trust Fund Board from 21 to 17 members with eight, rather than 12, public members appointed by the Governor. The representative categories of membership on the Board are modified as specified in the bill (Section 210.170);

(16) Codifies the creation of the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which was originally created by executive order. The Council shall have authority to review and approve nominations to the National Register, review completed state historic preservation plans, and provide guidance to the state historic preservation officer (Sections 253.408 and 253.412);

(17) Transfers appointment power for the Advisory Commission for Clinical Perfusionists, the Missouri Acupuncturist Advisory Committee, the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists, the Advisory Commission for Anesthesiologist Assistants, the Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists, and the Advisory Commission for Physician Assistants to the Director of the Division of Professional Registration instead of the Governor (Sections 324.177, 324.180, 324.478, 332.086, 334.430, 334.625, and 334.749); and

(18) Transfers the duties of the Interior Design Council to the Division of Professional Registration. The Council's role shall be to advise, guide, and make recommendations to the Division Director. The director, rather than the Governor, shall appoint members of the Council (Sections 324.406 to 324.436);

(19) Modifies membership of the Missouri State Board of Nursing to require that one member be an advanced practice registered nurse (Section 335.021);

(20) Removes the General Assembly members from the Missouri Film Commission (Section 620.1200);

(21) Authorizes the Director of the Department of Mental Health, rather than the Governor, to appoint certain members of the Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders and such members may be reappointed (Section 633.200);

(22) Provides that two members of the Elevator Safety Board shall be building officials, with one having responsibility for administering elevator regulations. The requirement that each such member come from a municipality with a certain population is repealed (Section 701.353);

(23) Repeals the Professional Services Payment Committee (Section 208.197); and

(24) Repeals the Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment Commission (Sections 217.900 to 217.910).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill enacts many noncontroversial changes recommended by the task force report on boards and commissions published in the summer of 2017. This will help reduce the need for gubernatorial appointments by over 100 positions and help greatly with quorum problems and overall efficiency.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Riddle; Missouri Kids First; International Interior Designers Association-Mid-America Chapter; and National Elevator Industry, Inc.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.