

HB 445 -- ETHICS

SPONSOR: Dogan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 4. A motion to "Return To The Committee of Origin" was defeated by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 3 to 7. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 3.

This bill prohibits all types of lobbyists from making any expenditure for local government officials, superintendents, school board members, members of governing bodies of charter schools, their staffs, and specified family members. Local government lobbyists may make expenditures for events where all members of a particular political subdivision or all members of the General Assembly are invited.

This bill is the same as HB 1496 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill appears to enact reasonable regulations for local governments and schools based on ethics legislation that has been supported by voters.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dogan and the Missouri National Education Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.