

HB 1903 -- SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

SPONSOR: Shields

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 8 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 3.

Beginning July, 1 2021 this bill allows a school district that enters into an agreement with another district to share a superintendent to receive an additional \$30,000 per year in state aid for up to five years. The bill directs districts to spend the additional compensation on teacher salaries or counseling services.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help districts share costs and resources including key personnel. They point out that multiple states currently incentivize districts sharing and this bill would not be a mandate.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shields and Department Of Elementary And Secondary Education.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this bill is too narrow and that other services or ideas should receive incentives.

Testifying against the bill was, School Administrators Coalition.