

HB 2373 -- AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: Bosley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Criminal Justice by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill creates the "School Safety Program Fund" for money, including money from the "Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund", that is appropriated to be used to supplement nonlottery educational resources for school safety programs that are public or nonprofit after-school programs focused on gun violence reduction. Money in the fund shall only be distributed to school safety programs in urban school districts serving students who live in Kansas City or in metropolitan school districts.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that funding after school programs would reduce violence in the City of St. Louis. When children have access to after school programs, crime decreases and the children's behavior and attitudes improve.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bosley; and Reverend Darryl Gray, Missouri Faith Leadership Council.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.