

HB 2564 -- SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RESTRICTIONS

SPONSOR: Taylor

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 6 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 4.

This bill requires that for any contract or employment agreement entered into by a school district superintendent the total compensation provided should not exceed three and one-half times the average total compensation provided to all teachers who are employed full time by the school district. The bill also requires superintendents to live within the boundaries of the school district.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that while Missouri ranks above-average for school superintendent pay, it ranks near the bottom for teacher pay, and this seems very inequitable.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Taylor.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that what the local school board decides to pay its superintendent should be a matter of local control, because the board is better able to determine what pay is needed to attract and hire quality applicants.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Association of School Administrators.