

HB 1304 -- LIABILITY CLAIMS

SPONSOR: Henderson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Litigation Reform by a vote of 6 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

The bill allows school boards of any school district to purchase insurance contracts to insure against loss, damages, or expenses for a claim arising out of the sickness, bodily injury, or death by accident of any student injured on school premises or during school-sponsored activities; as well as insurance for the benefit of students to insure against losses resulting from loss of, theft of, or damage to personal property of students.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will make it easier for schools to offer internships and on-the-job learning experiences for students. Work-based learning is highly useful for students and this bill will allow for Missouri students to participate in those programs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Henderson; Greater St Louis Inc.; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the bill may hinder the ability to bring an action in regards to injuries sustained by or to students.

Testifying against the bill was Nimrod Chapel, Jr., Missouri State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.