

SB 78 -- STATE EMPLOYEES

SPONSOR: Beck (Trent)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

PAYMENT OF STATE EMPLOYEES (Section 33.100, RSMo)

Currently, the salaries of all elective and appointive officers and employees of the state shall be paid out of the State Treasury, in semimonthly or monthly installments as designated by the Commissioner of Administration. This bill allows salaries to additionally be paid out in biweekly installments.

This provision is the same as SB 316 (2021).

HIRING PREFERENCE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS (Sections 36.221 and 105.1204)

The bill creates new provisions establishing hiring preferences for current or former members of the Missouri National Guard for purposes of state employment. Specifically, in filling any position of state employment in a state agency, the appointing authority or employing agency shall offer an interview to every applicant who is an active duty or reserve member of the U.S. Armed Forces, a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, or is or was a member of the Missouri National Guard and meets other specified criteria.

This provision is similar to provisions in SS SCS SB 120, HB 659 (2021), and HB 1491 (2020).

GAMING EMPLOYMENT (Section 313.004)

Currently, former Missouri Gaming Commission members and employees, members of the General Assembly, and elected or appointed officials of the state and certain other cities and counties are prohibited from entering into a contractual relationship related to direct gaming activity during such employment and for two years after termination of such employment. This bill provides that, in the case of employees of the Commission, the State Highway Patrol, and the State Attorney General's office, the two-year prohibition shall only apply in cases in which the employee's termination was either voluntary or was due to misconduct of such employee related to such employee's direct regulatory authority related to excursion gambling boats or any other aspect related to the gaming industry.

This provision is similar to SB 431 (2021)

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill give more needed support to individuals in the armed forces for employment opportunities. The bill also allows for more employment opportunities in the gambling industry.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Beck; and Todd A Nelson.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill submitted written testimony.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie Dienoff.

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.