



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in Support of this Bill and Allowing this opportunity, because of the shortage of Workers in School Districts all across the State of Missouri.



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This bill will help schools in Missouri that are struggling with finding qualified teachers to fill their positions. Students in Missouri would benefit from the years of experience that these retired teachers have. Many teachers in Missouri retire in their early to mid 50's, as it was with myself. I set out one year, then needed to get back into something. I began teaching as a part time teacher at a small K-8 school, Manes R-V. I taught one day a week, which kept me under the 550 hour rule. After a couple of years, I then taught 2 days a week, and still was able to stay under the 550 hour rule. A position opened in my old school district, Cabool R-IV, in which I had served 31 years of my 32 years of teaching. The position had been posted for 6 to 8 months. I began teaching as an Middle School ?Interventionist. I am in my second year in this position. I have been able to help mainly in the 7-8 Math, but also in Science and ELA. I have been able to help students that are struggling and do not qualify for other assistants. I feel that our students and teachers have benefited from this position being added. I believe that a teacher with experience is a huge benefit for a position like this. I know from speaking with different superintendents around the area that they also feel that this bill would benefit their district. and thus their students. Allowing them to employ retired teachers for a longer period of time, when they are not able to find qualified teachers in positions that need to be filled. I ask that you pass this bill to help the students and school districts of Missouri.



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HB 257 allows school leaders to take advantage of experienced educators for up to four years without penalty to their retirement. Aligned supports HB 257 as a viable strategy for addressing critical teacher shortages, and we encourage the Missouri General Assembly to support HB 257.



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