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I am in Full Support of this Bill. We Need to do more than this Bill and Amend the Term to at least five (5) years of receiving the same Public School District Salary and Benefits, while receiving ones Full Pension if meeting the thresholds. We can not allow the Teachers or Support Staff to leave the School Districts during this 10-12 low and shortage in new Teachers.



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Chairman Hovis, Vice-Chairman West, Ranking Minority Member Brown and Members of the Committee: Thank you to Representative Lewis for sponsoring HB 496 and for the opportunity to provide testimony to the Committee regarding this legislation. Aligned is a not-for-profit organization comprised of business leaders committed to improving Missouri's education system through advocacy, outreach, and investment. Our mission is to amplify the business voice to improve student outcomes and workforce readiness in Missouri. We envision a state where all students receive an education that has prepared them to seek the future of their choice. HB 496 modifies provisions relating to public school retirement systems, including retirement allowance multiplier and working after retirement. Aligned appreciates Representative Lewis' leadership on this initiative and supports this legislation. HB 496 changes the time period that a retired teacher is allowed to work full-time in a certified or non-certified position and receive retirement benefits during times of workforce shortages from two years to four years. According to PSRS, "Critical Shortage Employment is a legal provision that allows PSRS retirees to return to work for covered employers while continuing to receive PSRS service retirement benefits. The work may be part-time or full-time, and can be in a certificated or non-certificated position. To be employed under this provision, your employer must certify with PSRS that there is a critical shortage of qualified applicants for the position, and that they have met the necessary requirements to declare a critical shortage." At a time when school districts struggle to fill positions with appropriately credentialed instructors, this proposed legislation provides an option to get experienced teachers in front of the students who need them. We encourage the Missouri General Assembly to support HB 496. Respectfully submitted, Linda Rallo Vice-President and Director of Policy Aligned (314) 330-8442 linda@wearealigned.org



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