



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in Support of this Bill and its Intension. We Need to find creative ways to keep experienced Teachers working in the Public School Districts for the next decade.



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The Association appreciates the opportunity to present its views on the bill. The Association supports the bill. SS/SB 75 would enact several retirement-related changes to help create more incentives and opportunities to encourage experienced Missouri educators to continue to teach our students. Schools around the state are struggling to maintain qualified teachers in classrooms, and the Association believes this bill can be a part of policies and practices that help ensure qualified teachers for our students.



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This bill may have the unintended consequences of teachers actually retiring sooner and not staying in the profession for the retirement multiplier which is now proposed for 32 years instead of the current 31 years. Teaching is a very difficult profession and burnout is abundant. I know many teachers who are nearing retirement and are planning on leaving at the rule of 80, which falls approximately 3-4 years before the proposed 32 year multiplier. Personally, I am planning on teaching next year which will be my 31st year. I planned on that multiplier to be there for me, and if this bill passes, I will not get it. With that being said, I will absolutely NOT be working an additional year for the multiplier. The extra money simply isn't worth my mental health. I know that there are many others who agree. I urge you to reconsider moving the multiplier to 32 years. I do think more teachers will leave at the rule of 80, staying in for 3-4 years for the extra 2.55% just isn't worth it in the current state of education. The profession is not even close to what it was when we entered 30 years ago. Please keep the current 31 years for the multiplier.



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