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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Patterson in the Chair.

Prayer by Reverend Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, Chaplain.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. (Isaiah 40:29)

O God, who is always the same, whose saving truth never leaves us and whose patient love never lets us go, make us conscious of Your powerful presence as in spirit we bow before You in this morning moment of prayer. Speak Your word to us and give us ears to hear, minds to heed, and hands and feet to do Your will in Your way for Your work.

Humble us in our pride, strengthen us in our weakness, and make us great in heart when we would be little in spirit that we may have joy in our endeavors and peace in our hearts when we vote.

Bless our State and every institution, every person, every effort made which helps us to love one another and to live together in peace in our Show Me State.

And the House says, "Amen!"

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited by Christopher Ray Harbison.

The Speaker appointed the following to act as Honorary Pages for the Day, to serve without compensation: Isabel Wellenkamp, C-Ray Harbison, Ellie Mae Harbison, John Michael Harbison, and Tony Harbison.

The Journal of the fifty-eighth day was approved as printed by the following vote:

AYES: 141

Allen	Anderson	Aune	Baker	Banderman
Barnes	Billington	Black	Boggs	Boykin
Boyko	Bromley	Brown 149	Brown 16	Burton
Bush	Busick	Butz	Byrnes	Caton
Chappell	Christ	Christensen	Clemens	Coleman
Collins	Cook	Costlow	Crossley	Cupps
Davidson	Davis	Dean	Diehl	Dolan
Doll	Douglas	Durnell	Ealy	Elliott
Falkner	Farnan	Fogle	Fowler	Fuchs
Gallick	Gragg	Griffith	Haden	Haley
Harbison	Hausman	Hein	Hewkin	Hinman
Hovis	Hruza	Hurlbert	Irwin	Jacobs
Jamison	Johnson	Jones 12	Jones 88	Jordan

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Justus	Kalberloh	Keathley	Kelley	Kimble
Knight	Laubinger	Lewis	Loy	Lucas
Mackey	Mansur	Martin	Matthiesen	Mayhew
McGaugh	McGill	Meirath	Miller	Murphy
Myers	Nolte	Oehlerking	Overcast	Owen
Parker	Perkins	Phelps	Plank	Pollitt
Pouche	Price	Proudie	Reedy	Reuter
Riley	Roberts	Rush	Sassmann	Schmidt
Schulte	Seitz	Self	Sharp 37	Sharpe 4
Shields	Smith 46	Smith 74	Sparks	Steinhoff
Steinmetz	Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler	Taylor 48
Terry	Thomas	Titus	Van Schoiack	Veit
Verneti	Violet	Waller	Walsh Moore	Warwick
Weber	Wellenkamp	Whaley	Williams	Wilson
Wolfen	Woods	Wright	Young	Zimmermann
Mr. Speaker				

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 001

Fountain Henderson

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 020

Amato	Appelbaum	Bosley	Casteel	Deaton
Hales	Hardwick	Ingle	Jobe	Mosley
Murray	Peters	Reed	Riggs	Simmons
Smith 68	Taylor 84	Thompson	Voss	West

VACANCIES: 001

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Fiscal Review, Chairman Murphy reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Fiscal Review, to which was referred **SS HCS HBs 595 & 343, as amended**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Casteel, Cupps, Fogle, Gragg, Hein, Mayhew, Murphy and Pouche

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Fiscal Review, to which was referred **HCS HB 606**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Casteel, Cupps, Fogle, Gragg, Hein, Mayhew, Murphy and Pouche

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Fiscal Review, to which was referred **CCR SS HCS HBs 737 & 486, as amended**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (6): Casteel, Fogle, Gragg, Hein, Murphy and Pouche

Noes (2): Cupps and Mayhew

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Fiscal Review, to which was referred **HB 837**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Casteel, Cupps, Fogle, Gragg, Hein, Mayhew, Murphy and Pouche

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Fiscal Review, to which was referred **HCS SS SCS SB 68**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Casteel, Cupps, Fogle, Gragg, Hein, Mayhew, Murphy and Pouche

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

BILLS IN CONFERENCE

CCR SS HCS HBs 737 & 486, as amended, relating to the protection of children, was taken up by Representative Schmidt.

Representative Schmidt moved that the House conferees be allowed to exceed the differences on **SS HCS HBs 737 & 486, as amended**, in Section 537.046.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Representative Schmidt, **CCR SS HCS HBs 737 & 486, as amended**, was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 130

Allen	Anderson	Aune	Banderman	Barnes
Black	Bosley	Boykin	Boyko	Bromley
Brown 149	Brown 16	Burton	Bush	Butz
Byrnes	Casteel	Caton	Christ	Clemens
Coleman	Collins	Cook	Crossley	Cupps
Dean	Deaton	Diehl	Dolan	Doll
Douglas	Ealy	Falkner	Farnan	Fogle
Fountain Henderson	Fowler	Fuchs	Gallick	Griffith

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Haden	Hales	Haley	Harbison	Hausman
Hein	Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis	Hruza
Hurlbert	Ingle	Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison
Johnson	Jones 12	Jones 88	Justus	Kalberloh
Keathley	Kelley	Kimble	Knight	Laubinger
Lewis	Lucas	Mackey	Mansur	Martin
Matthiesen	Mayhew	McGaugh	Meirath	Miller
Mosley	Murphy	Murray	Myers	Nolte
Oehlerking	Owen	Parker	Perkins	Peters
Phelps	Plank	Pollitt	Pouche	Price
Reuter	Riley	Roberts	Rush	Sassmann
Schmidt	Schulte	Seitz	Self	Sharp 37
Sharpe 4	Shields	Simmons	Smith 46	Smith 74
Steinhoff	Steinmetz	Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler
Taylor 48	Taylor 84	Terry	Thomas	Thompson
Veit	Verneti	Violet	Voss	Waller
Walsh Moore	Warwick	Weber	Wellenkamp	Williams
Wilson	Woods	Young	Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker

NOES: 015

Boggs	Busick	Chappell	Christensen	Davis
Durnell	Elliott	Jordan	McGill	Overcast
Reedy	Sparks	Titus	Whaley	Wolfen

PRESENT: 001

Proudie

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 016

Amato	Appelbaum	Baker	Billington	Costlow
Davidson	Gragg	Hardwick	Jobe	Loy
Reed	Riggs	Smith 68	Van Schoiack	West
Wright				

VACANCIES: 001

On motion of Representative Schmidt, **CCS SS HCS HBs 737 & 486** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 129

Allen	Anderson	Aune	Banderman	Barnes
Black	Bosley	Boykin	Boyko	Bromley
Brown 149	Brown 16	Burton	Bush	Butz
Byrnes	Casteel	Caton	Christ	Clemens
Coleman	Collins	Cook	Crossley	Cupps
Davidson	Dean	Deaton	Diehl	Dolan
Doll	Douglas	Falkner	Farnan	Fogle
Fountain Henderson	Fowler	Fuchs	Gallick	Griffith
Haden	Hales	Haley	Harbison	Hausman
Hein	Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis	Hruza
Hurlbert	Ingle	Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison
Johnson	Jones 12	Jones 88	Justus	Kalberloh
Keathley	Kelley	Kimble	Knight	Laubinger
Lewis	Lucas	Mackey	Mansur	Martin

Matthiesen	Mayhew	McGaugh	Meirath	Miller
Mosley	Murphy	Murray	Myers	Nolte
Oehlerking	Owen	Parker	Perkins	Peters
Phelps	Plank	Pollitt	Pouche	Price
Reuter	Riley	Roberts	Rush	Sassmann
Schmidt	Schulte	Seitz	Sharp 37	Sharpe 4
Shields	Simmons	Smith 46	Smith 74	Steinhoff
Steinmetz	Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler	Taylor 48
Taylor 84	Terry	Thomas	Thompson	Veit
Verneti	Violet	Voss	Waller	Walsh Moore
Warwick	Weber	Wellenkamp	Williams	Wilson
Woods	Young	Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker	

NOES: 014

Boggs	Busick	Chappell	Christensen	Davis
Durnell	Elliott	Jordan	Overcast	Reedy
Sparks	Titus	Whaley	Wolfen	

PRESENT: 001

Self

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 018

Amato	Appelbaum	Baker	Billington	Costlow
Ealy	Gragg	Hardwick	Jobe	Loy
McGill	Proudie	Reed	Riggs	Smith 68
Van Schoiack	West	Wright		

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Patterson declared the bill passed.

SIGNING OF HOUSE BILL

All other business of the House was suspended while **SCS HB 810** was read at length and, there being no objection, was signed by the Speaker to the end that the same may become law.

HOUSE BILLS WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS

SS HCS HBs 595 & 343, as amended, relating to real estate transactions, was taken up by Representative Brown (16).

Representative Brown (16) moved that the House refuse to adopt **SS HCS HBs 595 & 343, as amended**, and request the Senate to recede from its position and, failing to do so, grant the House a conference.

Which motion was adopted.

BILLS CARRYING REQUEST MESSAGES

SS SB 28 with **House Amendment No. 1, House Amendment No. 2, House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 3, House Amendment No. 3, as amended, and House Amendment No. 4**, relating to motor vehicles, was taken up by Representative Brown (149).

Representative Brown (149) moved that the House refuse to recede from its position on **House Amendment No. 1, House Amendment No. 2, House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 3, House Amendment No. 3, as amended, and House Amendment No. 4** to **SS SB 28**, and grant the Senate a conference.

Which motion was adopted.

HCS SS SCS SBs 81 & 174, as amended, relating to public safety, was taken up by Representative Taylor (48).

Representative Taylor (48) moved that the House refuse to recede from its position on **HCS SS SCS SBs 81 & 174, as amended**, and grant the Senate a conference.

Which motion was adopted.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

HCS SS SCS SB 68, relating to elementary and secondary education, was taken up by Representative Allen.

On motion of Representative Allen, the title of **HCS SS SCS SB 68** was agreed to.

Representative Perkins offered **House Amendment No. 1**.

House Amendment No. 1

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 16, Section 160.482, Line 36, by inserting after the number "**160.011**" the phrase ". **The term shall be construed to include a charter school**"; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Line 43, by deleting all of the said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"board of the school district or governing board of the charter school or a contract employee of the school district or charter school who is required to follow school"; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 17, Lines 75 to 77, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- "(7) Integration of the plan into the local emergency services providers' protocols;**
- (8) Both annual and continuous reviews and evaluations of the plan; and**
- (9) Registration of AEDs to a registry maintained by the Missouri 911 service board."; and**

Further amend said bill and section, Page 18, Lines 96 to 98, by deleting all of the said lines; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Perkins, **House Amendment No. 1** was adopted.

Representative Lewis offered **House Amendment No. 2**.

House Amendment No. 2

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 53, Section 162.207, Line 48, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"162.705. 1. If a school district or special district fails or is unable to provide special educational services to each handicapped or severely handicapped child as required in sections 162.670 to 162.995, the district shall contract with a nearby district or districts or public agency or agencies for such special educational services. If the board of education of the district finds that no adequate program for handicapped or severely handicapped children is available in nearby districts or through public agencies, it may contract with any organization within the state which has programs meeting the standards established by the state board of education. If such district fails to contract for such services, the state board of education may contract for such services with a nearby district or districts or public agency or agencies. If the state board of education finds, after investigation by the state department of education, that no adequate program for handicapped or severely handicapped children is available in nearby districts or through public agencies, the state board of education may contract with any organization within the state **or an adjacent state** which has programs meeting the standards established by the state board of education. Assignment of handicapped or severely handicapped children under this section shall be made to a particular school or program which, in the judgment of the state department of elementary and secondary education, can best provide special educational services to meet the needs of the child, and such assignment shall be made upon the basis of competent evaluation. The state board of education may seek the advice of established and ad hoc advisory committees in developing standards for approving programs and costs of programs operated by organizations. Nothing contained within this section shall be construed to affect the provisions of section 162.700 or 162.725.

2. Per pupil costs of contractual arrangements shall be the obligation of the district of residence, except districts which are part of a special school district, or special district of residence; provided, however, that if the contract is with another district or special district, the district providing the services under contractual arrangements shall include children served under such contractual arrangements in determining the total per pupil cost for which the district of residence is responsible. If the contract is with a public agency or an organization, the district of residence shall be entitled to receive state aid as provided in section 163.031 and in section 162.980. Where the state board of education contracts for special educational services pursuant to subsection 1 of this section, the state board of education shall submit to the responsible district a bill for the per pupil cost payable by that district under the terms of this subsection. Failure of a district to pay such cost within ninety days after a bill is submitted by the state board of education shall result in the deduction of the amount due by the state board of education from subsequent payments of state moneys due such district or special district.

3. If the state board of education determines, after inspection by the state department of elementary and secondary education and upon the recommendation of the commissioner of education, that handicapped or severely handicapped children residing within the district may better be provided special educational services by the district or special district of residence, the state board of education shall order the district to provide special educational services in accordance with sections 162.670 to 162.995.

4. If the state board of education determines, after public hearing before the commissioner of education held in the school district on due notice, that the district has failed to provide special educational services in accordance with an order issued under subsection 3 of this section, the state board of education shall withhold all or such portion of the state aid under sections 162.670 to 162.995 and under chapter 163 as in its judgment is necessary to require the district to carry out its responsibility under sections 162.670 to 162.995. The denial of state financial assistance hereunder may continue until the failure to provide special educational services is remedied.

5. No contract shall be made under sections 162.670 to 162.995 contrary to the provisions of Article I, Section 7 or Article IX, Section 8 of the Constitution of Missouri."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 79, Section 170.014, Line 17, by deleting the phrase "**may not include**" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "**shall not rely primarily on**"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Lewis, **House Amendment No. 2** was adopted.

Representative Kelley offered **House Amendment No. 3**.

House Amendment No. 3

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 85, Section 173.232, Line 117, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"173.836. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Career-Tech Certificate (CTC) Program".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Approved institution", an institution of postsecondary education that is subject to the coordinating board for higher education under section 173.005, offers eligible programs of study or training programs, and is at least one of the following:

(a) A public community college or vocational or technical school as provided under subsection 8 of section 160.545;

(b) A two-year private vocational or technical school authorized to obtain reimbursements under subsection 8 of section 160.545 as provided under subsection 10 of section 160.545;

(c) An approved virtual institution, as defined in section 173.1102; or

(d) An eligible training provider;

(2) "Department", the department of higher education and workforce development;

(3) "Eligible program of study", a program of instruction for which the required length for completion of such program does not exceed the equivalent of sixty credit hours or the equivalent under a different measure of student progress and that results in the award of a non-graduate-level certificate or other industry-recognized credential below the graduate level that has been designated by the coordinating board for higher education as preparing students to enter an area of occupational shortage as determined and updated annually by such board under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section 173.2553;

(4) "Eligible student", any student that meets the eligibility requirements for reimbursement of tuition, books, and fees under the "A+ Schools Program" created in section 160.545, or any student who has earned a career and technical education (CTE) certificate pursuant to the provisions of section 170.029 and in accordance with criteria outlined by the department of elementary and secondary education, provided that such student has not received a reimbursement for tuition, books, or fees under section 160.545;

(5) "Eligible training provider", a training organization listed in the state of Missouri eligible training provider system maintained by the office of workforce development in the department of higher education and workforce development that is not a four-year institution of higher education;

(6) "Training program", a program of study that leads to a certificate or degree and is offered by an approved institution but that does not meet the length-of-program requirements for an eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended. The term includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Certified nurse assistant (CNA) programs;

(b) Certified medication technician (CMT) programs;

(c) Level 1 medication aide (L1MA) programs;

(d) Insulin administration programs;

(e) Emergency medical technician (EMT) programs;

(f) Advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) programs;

(g) Paramedic programs as described in chapter 190; or

(h) Commercial driver's license (CDL) programs.

3. (1) Beginning in the 2026-27 academic year and for all subsequent academic years, the department shall, by rule, establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the costs of tuition, books, and fees

from the career-tech certificate (CTC) program fund to the approved institution at which an eligible student is enrolled in an eligible program of study or a training program.

(2) No tuition reimbursements in excess of the tuition rate charged by a public community college for coursework offered by a two-year private vocational or technical school, approved virtual institution as defined under section 173.1102, or eligible training provider within the service area of such college shall be reimbursed under this section. This limitation shall not apply to a public vocational or technical school.

(3) (a) If a public community college or vocational or technical school offers the same or a substantially similar eligible program of study or training program as a private vocational or technical school, virtual institution, or eligible training provider at which an eligible student intends to enroll and the school or provider is located in the service region of the public community college or vocational or technical school that offers the same or similar program of study or training program, no tuition reimbursement shall be provided under this section for such eligible student unless, before the eligible student enrolls:

a. The private vocational or technical school, virtual institution, or eligible training provider requests authorization from the department for such tuition reimbursement; and

b. The department authorizes such request.

(b) The department shall:

a. Develop and adopt a tuition reimbursement authorization request form and a procedure for submitting such request;

b. Review and either authorize or deny such request within twenty business days of receiving an accurate, complete, and properly submitted request; and

c. If the department denies such request, provide the educational entity and the eligible student with the reasons for such denial.

(c) The department shall not deny a tuition reimbursement authorization request without good cause, as determined by the department on a case-by-case basis.

(4) The reimbursements provided under this section to a two-year private vocational or technical school, approved virtual institution as defined under section 173.1102, or eligible training provider shall not violate the provisions of Article IX, Section 8, or Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution of Missouri or the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Career-Tech Certificate (CTC) Program Fund", which shall consist of any moneys appropriated annually by the general assembly, gifts, bequests, grants, public or private donations, or transfers. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely for reimbursements as provided in this section.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

5. No rule promulgated by the department under this section shall prohibit students enrolled in an eligible program of study or a training program from qualifying for tuition reimbursement under this section solely because the eligible program of study or training program does not meet the length-of-program requirements for an eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended, or because the eligible training provider at which a student enrolls does not participate in federal student aid programs.

6. Eligibility for tuition, books, and fees reimbursement to an approved institution as provided under this section shall expire upon the earliest of:

(1) Receipt of the reimbursement for the required length for completion of such program as determined by the department;

(2) A student's successful completion of an eligible program of study or training program; or

(3) A student's completion of one hundred fifty percent of the time usually required to complete an eligible program of study or training program.

7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the implementation and administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536

are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of this act shall be invalid and void."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Kelley, **House Amendment No. 3** was adopted.

Representative Shields offered **House Amendment No. 4**.

House Amendment No. 4

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 71, Section 168.021, Line 72, by inserting after the first occurrence of the word "education," the phrase "**gifted education**"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Shields, **House Amendment No. 4** was adopted.

Representative Pollitt offered **House Amendment No. 5**.

House Amendment No. 5

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 79, Section 168.331, Line 31, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"168.407. **1.** There is hereby created the "Principal-Administrator Academy" under the auspices of the department of elementary and secondary education. The academy is not a single institution, but is an organizational framework for a wide array of educational and training programs for school leaders **in conjunction with statewide entities specifically established to support the development of principals and superintendents**, which may be conducted at several sites in the state by the department of elementary and secondary education, individually or through contract.

2. Programming for the academy shall include the development of:

(1) A review of all preparation programs of school administrators in the state of Missouri to ensure that the programs are of proper quality and the content of such programs are updated to reflect and educate students regarding the current academic, legal, financial, and societal realities in which administrators will be serving;

(2) A mentoring program dedicated to supporting individuals serving in their first four years of employment as a principal in the state of Missouri; and

(3) An early career coaching program dedicated to supporting and developing superintendents who are serving within their first four years as a superintendent in the state of Missouri.

168.409. **1.** The department of elementary and secondary education may charge a reasonable fee to cover the expenses and costs related to the services provided at the assessment center established under section 168.405 ~~[or at the academy established under section 168.407]~~. Such fees shall be deposited in the excellence in education fund. Participant travel, living and incidental costs shall be at the expense of the participant, or may be reimbursed by a local school district.

2. (1) Funding for programming within the principal-administrators academy established in section 168.407 may include:

(a) Any federal funding made available that would support such programming;

(b) Moneys appropriated or deposited into to the excellence in education fund established in section 160.268; or

(c) Up to five percent of any funding appropriated for payments authorized under sections 168.500 to 168.515.

(2) The department, where applicable, may require matching funds be provided either by individuals participating in the programming or by the school districts that employ the individuals participating in the program.

168.500. 1. For the purpose of providing career pay, which shall be a salary supplement, for public school teachers, which for the purpose of sections 168.500 to 168.515 shall include classroom teachers, librarians, school counselors and certificated teachers who hold positions as school psychological examiners, parents as teachers educators, school psychologists, special education diagnosticians and speech pathologists, and are on the district salary schedule, there is hereby created and established a career advancement program which shall be known as the "Missouri Career Development and Teacher Excellence Plan", hereinafter known as the "career plan or program". Participation by local school districts in the career advancement program established under this section shall be voluntary. The career advancement program is a matching fund program. The general assembly may make an annual appropriation to the excellence in education fund established under section 160.268 for the purpose of providing the state's portion for the career advancement program. The "Career Ladder Forward Funding Fund" is hereby established in the state treasury. Beginning with fiscal year 1998 and until the career ladder forward funding fund is terminated pursuant to this subsection, the general assembly may appropriate funds to the career ladder forward funding fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, moneys in the fund shall not be transferred to the credit of the general revenue fund at the end of the biennium. All interest or other gain received from investment of moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund. All funds deposited in the fund shall be maintained in the fund until such time as the balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year is equal to or greater than the appropriation for the career ladder program for the following year, at which time all such revenues shall be used to fund, in advance, the career ladder program for such following year and the career ladder forward funding fund shall thereafter be terminated.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education, at the direction of the commissioner of education, shall study and develop model career plans which shall be made available to the local school districts. These state model career plans shall:

- (1) Contain three steps or stages of career advancement;
- (2) Contain a detailed procedure for the admission of teachers to the career program;
- (3) Contain specific criteria for career step qualifications and attainment. These criteria shall clearly describe the minimum number of professional responsibilities required of the teacher at each stage of the plan and shall include reference to classroom performance evaluations performed pursuant to section 168.128. The criteria may include, but shall not be limited to, teacher externships as provided in section 168.025;
- (4) Be consistent with the teacher certification process recommended by the Missouri advisory council of certification for educators and adopted by the department of elementary and secondary education;
- (5) Provide that public school teachers in Missouri shall become eligible to apply for admission to the career plans adopted under sections 168.500 to 168.515 after two years of public school teaching in Missouri, except that such two-year requirement shall not apply to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or such member's spouse who has teaching experience in another state and who has transferred to this state. All teachers seeking admission to any career plan shall, as a minimum, meet the requirements necessary to obtain the first renewable professional certificate as provided in section 168.021;
- (6) Provide procedures for appealing decisions made under career plans established under sections 168.500 to 168.515.

3. School district career plans shall recognize additional responsibilities and volunteer efforts by teachers in formulating criteria for career ladder admission and stage achievement. Such additional responsibilities and volunteer efforts outside of the duties that require a teaching certificate under section 168.021 may include, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) Serving as a coach, supervisor, or organizer for any extracurricular activity for which the teacher does not already receive additional compensation;
- (2) Serving as a mentor for students or teachers, whether in a formal or informal capacity;
- (3) Receiving additional teacher training or certification outside of that offered by the school district;
- (4) Serving as a tutor or providing additional learning opportunities to students; and
- (5) Assisting students with postsecondary education preparation including, but not limited to, teaching an ACT or SAT preparation course or assisting students with completing college or career school admission or financial assistance applications.

4. The commissioner of education shall cause the department of elementary and secondary education to establish guidelines for all career plans established under this section, and criteria that must be met by any school district which seeks funding for its career plan.

5. A participating local school district may have the option of implementing a career plan developed by the department of elementary and secondary education or a local plan which has been developed with advice from teachers employed by the district and which has met with the approval of the department of elementary and secondary education. In approving local career plans, the department of elementary and secondary education may consider provisions in the plan of the local district for recognition of teacher mobility from one district to another within this state.

6. The career plans of local school districts shall not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, color, creed, or age. Participation in the career plan of a local school district is optional, and any teacher who declines to participate shall not be penalized in any way.

7. In order to receive funds under this section, a school district which is not subject to section 162.920 must have a total levy for operating purposes which is in excess of the amount allowed in Section 11(b) of Article X of the Missouri Constitution; and a school district which is subject to section 162.920 must have a total levy for operating purposes which is equal to or in excess of twenty-five cents on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

8. The commissioner of education shall cause the department of elementary and secondary education to regard a speech pathologist who holds both a valid certificate of license to teach and a certificate of clinical competence to have fulfilled the standards required to be placed on stage III of the career program, provided that such speech pathologist has been employed by a public school in Missouri for at least two years and is approved for placement at such stage III by the local school district.

9. Beginning in fiscal year 2012, the state portion of career ladder payments shall only be made available to local school districts if the general assembly makes an appropriation for such program. Payments authorized under sections 168.500 to 168.515 shall only be made available in a year for which a state appropriation is made. Any state appropriation shall be made prospectively in relation to the year in which work under the program is performed **and, pursuant to section 168.409, a portion of the moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section may be used to fund the principal-administrator academy program for school leaders established in section 168.407.**

10. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a local school district from funding the program for its teachers for work performed in years for which no state appropriation is made available."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Pollitt, **House Amendment No. 5** was adopted.

Representative Knight offered **House Amendment No. 6.**

House Amendment No. 6

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 29, Section 160.664, Line 43, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"160.701. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Active duty", any person who is on full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211;

(2) "Activities association", any nonprofit statewide organization that facilitates interscholastic activities for secondary school students, and whose members include at least one public school district that pays any fees to such association, including, but not limited to, activity participation fees, tournament registration fees, membership fees, or any other fees relating to membership in such association or participation in any activities facilitated by such association.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a statewide activities association shall not require any student who is on active duty to attend a minimum number of practices as a condition of such student's membership on any group or team facilitated or overseen by such association."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Knight, **House Amendment No. 6** was adopted.

Representative Brown (16) offered **House Amendment No. 7.**

House Amendment No. 7

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 85, Section 173.232, Line 117, by inserting after said section and line the following:

"173.1352. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Advanced placement examination", any examination administered through the College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP);

(2) "Institution", any in-state public community college, college, or university that offers postsecondary freshman-level courses;

(3) **"International baccalaureate examination", any examination for assessment purposes administered through the International Baccalaureate Organization at the end of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.**

2. (1) Each institution shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students for each advanced placement examination upon which such student achieves a score of three or higher, **or each international baccalaureate examination for an international baccalaureate diploma programme course upon which such student achieves a score of 4 or higher**, for any similarly correlated course offered by the institution at the time of such student's acceptance into the institution.

(2) In the policy, the institution shall:

(a) Establish the institution's conditions for granting course credit; and

(b) Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements of the institution, including the number of semester credit hours or other course credit, that the institution will grant to a student who achieves required scores on advanced placement examinations **or international baccalaureate examinations.**

3. On request of an applicant for admission as an entering freshman, and based on information provided by the applicant, an institution shall determine and notify the applicant regarding:

(1) The amount and type of any course credit that would be granted to the applicant under the policy; and

(2) Any other academic requirement that the applicant would satisfy under the policy."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Brown (16), **House Amendment No. 7** was adopted.

Representative Black offered **House Amendment No. 8.**

House Amendment No. 8

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 39, Section 160.1055, Line 100, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"160.2501. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act".

2. Each public school shall post a statement containing the following or substantially similar information:

The Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act requires that students and employees of public schools that are operated at public expense be advised and therefore, encouraged regarding constitutional rights and

liberties in the educational setting that are assured by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, free from government coercion:

For public school students, such rights and liberties include, but are not limited to, that a student may, in a manner that does not interrupt or displace the educational mission of the public school:

Express the student's beliefs about religion to others;

Pray or engage in religious expression or read the Bible or other religious texts or materials during free time including, but not limited to, in the classroom;

When relevant to the subject matter, express the student's beliefs about religion in a class assignment; and

Form, organize, and participate or refrain from participating in, prayer groups, religious clubs and other religious gatherings if other secular groups, clubs, and gatherings are permitted.

For public school employees, such rights and liberties include, but are not limited to, that an employee may, in a manner that does not interrupt or displace the educational mission of the public school:

Respectfully discuss the employee's faith with other school employees;

When relevant to the subject matter, discuss the influence of religion on history and culture;

Enjoy the accommodation of the employee's religious beliefs as required by law;

Sponsor student religious clubs if secular student clubs are sponsored; and

Enjoy freedom from religious discrimination as provided by law.

3. (1) The statement required to be posted under this section shall be posted in a prominent location in each of such public school's buildings in which the academic instruction of students actually and regularly occurs.

(2) Such statement shall be posted in a similar form and manner as other information required by law is posted.

4. The provisions of this section shall be construed to be consistent and in conjunction with section 160.2500."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 41, Section 160.2710, Line 10, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

~~"[161.026. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 161.032 or any other provision of law, the governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint a teacher representative to the state board of education, who shall attend all meetings and participate in all deliberations of the board. The teacher representative shall not have the right to vote on any matter before the board or be counted in establishing a quorum under section 161.082.~~

~~2. The teacher representative shall be an active classroom teacher. For purposes of this section, "active classroom teacher" means a resident of the state of Missouri who is a full time teacher with at least five years of teaching experience in the state of Missouri, who is certified to teach under the laws governing the certification of teachers in Missouri, and who is not on leave at the time of the appointment to the position of teacher representative. The teacher representative shall have the written support of the local school board prior to accepting the appointment.~~

~~3. The term of the teacher representative shall be four years, and appointments made under this section shall be made in rotation from each congressional district beginning with the first congressional district and continuing in numerical order.~~

~~4. If a vacancy occurs for any reason in the position of teacher representative, the governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, a replacement for the unexpired term. Such replacement shall be a resident of the same congressional district as the teacher representative being replaced, shall meet the qualifications set forth under subsection 2 of this section, and shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.~~

~~5. If the teacher representative ceases to be an active classroom teacher, as defined under subsection 2 of this section, or fails to follow the board's attendance policy, the teacher representative's position shall immediately become vacant unless an absence is caused by sickness or some accident preventing the representative's arrival at the time and place appointed for the meeting.~~

~~6. The teacher representative shall receive the same reimbursement for expenses as members of the state board of education receive under section 161.022.~~

~~7. At no time shall more than one nonvoting member serve on the state board of education.~~

~~8. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2026.]~~

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3. The term of the teacher representative shall be four years, and ~~[appointments made under this section shall be made in rotation from each congressional district beginning with the first congressional district and continuing in numerical order]~~ **for the second and succeeding appointments, the newly appointed teacher representative shall not be appointed from the same congressional district as the two immediately preceding teacher representatives.**

4. If a vacancy occurs for any reason in the position of teacher representative, the governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, a replacement for the unexpired term. Such replacement shall be a resident of the same congressional district as the teacher representative being replaced, shall meet the qualifications set forth under subsection 2 of this section, and shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. If the general assembly is not in session at the time for making an appointment, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next session of the general assembly, when the governor shall nominate a person to fill the position of teacher representative.

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~~[8. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2025.]~~

161.355. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Act".

2. As used in this section, "media literacy" means the following:

(1) An individual's ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and participate with all forms of media, such as:

(a) News in print; and

(b) Social media content, such as images, text, video, and other media content;

(2) An individual's ability to recognize bias and stereotypes in media messages;

(3) The foundational skills of digital citizenship and internet safety; and

(4) In the classroom, media literacy includes integrating the process of critical analysis of media messages into the daily classroom curricula.

3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish the "Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Pilot Program". Such pilot program shall be implemented and administered during the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years.

4. Under the media literacy and critical thinking pilot program, the department of elementary and secondary education shall select five to seven diverse school districts to participate in the pilot program and from which to study data related to the outcomes of the pilot program in such school districts.

5. A pilot program site shall:

(1) Address each component of media literacy;

(2) Develop successful strategies for student learning within the daily classroom curricula in all grades or for a selected preschool to grade twelve level;

(3) Identify high-quality resources for such pilot program; and

(4) Demonstrate and report how such site addresses the following in the classroom:

(a) News content literacy, which is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and distinguish verified information from opinion and propaganda and the opportunity to practice verification;

(b) Visual literacy, which is the ability to find, interpret, and evaluate images and visual media such as photographs, videos, illustrations, drawings, maps, diagrams, and advertisements;

(c) Digital fluency, which is the ability to understand and follow the norms of safe and responsible technology use and how media influences attitudes and behaviors; and

(d) Digital literacy, which is the ability to be technically fluent and able to make informed decisions about content encountered online, recognize how networked technology affects behavior and perception, and create and effectively communicate with digital media tools.

6. The guidelines developed as a result of the study of the information gained from the pilot program shall provide students with the following information:

(1) The purpose and acceptable use of various social media platforms;

(2) Social media behavior that ensures cybersafety, cybersecurity, and cyber ethics;

(3) The potential negative consequences of failing to use various social media platforms responsibly, such as cyberbullying;

(4) The ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and act on all forms of digital and written communications;

(5) Digital ethics, etiquette, respectful discourse with individuals who have differing opinions, safety, security, digital footprints, and the identification of rhetoric that incites violence;

(6) Cyberbullying prevention and response;

(7) The significance of algorithms;

(8) Ways to identify online misinformation;

(9) A general knowledge of the economic structure of the digital landscape; and

(10) The importance of the right to freedom of speech as contained in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States including, but not limited to:

(a) The central role that the right to freedom of speech has in the history of the United States; and

(b) The applicability of protections for freedom of speech for online interaction in school settings that the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide to school districts.

7. The guidelines developed as a result of the study of the information gained from the pilot program shall provide school districts with samples of learning activities, resources, and training that promote critical thinking and the skills necessary to evaluate all forms of media.

8. Before August 1, 2028, each pilot program site shall submit a report to the department of elementary and secondary education describing the implementation of and the information gained from the pilot program.

9. Before January 1, 2029, the department of elementary and secondary education shall compile the reports submitted from the pilot program sites and submit a summary report to the general assembly containing at least the following information:

(1) Qualitative and quantitative insights on how the pilot program sites addressed media literacy;

(2) A compendium of high-quality strategies and resources used by educators;

(3) Any professional development used or required;

(4) Recommendations about what facilities, instructional materials, and technologies are needed to implement a media literacy and critical thinking program statewide;

(5) Exploration of additional policies, administrative mechanisms, and legislative recommendations for implementing best practices and standards statewide; and

(6) A draft of proposed clear, inclusive media literacy and critical thinking state standards for preschool to grade twelve, compiled by drawing from key media literacy skills and competencies in existing state standards and from the pilot program results.

10. Standards developed under this section shall be included for consideration by the department of elementary and secondary education during the state standards review immediately following the termination of the pilot program.

11. The media literacy and critical thinking pilot program shall terminate on June 30, 2028.

12. This section shall expire on December 31, 2028."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Black, **House Amendment No. 8** was adopted.

Representative Christ offered **House Amendment No. 9**.

House Amendment No. 9

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 65, Section 167.151, Line 68, by deleting all of the said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"district or charter school, or public school employer in such district or charter school in any job title or position that is"; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Line 71, by inserting after the word "**district**" the phrase "**, or charter school**"; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Line 74, by deleting the phrase "**district or public school in such district**" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "**district, public school in such district, or charter school**"; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Line 77, by inserting after the word "**district**" the phrase "**or charter school**"; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 66, Lines 78-79, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"district other than the child's school district of residence, a public school in such district, or a charter school and such child may attend school in such nonresident school district or nonresident charter."; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Lines 80 to 85, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(b) Such nonresident school district, or charter school shall allow the child to attend school in the same manner in which the district or charter school allows other pupils who are entitled to free instruction to attend school in the district or charter school and without paying a tuition fee.

(c) Such child shall be considered a resident pupil of such nonresident district or charter school under the definition of average daily attendance in section 163.011, except that for a student attending a nonresident charter school, the charter school shall receive a state payment under section 163.031 based on the weighted average daily attendance of such transferring student enrolled with the charter school LEA times the state adequacy target times the dollar value modifier and that the provisions of subsections 15 to 18 of section 160.415 shall not apply to any nonresident student attending a charter school.

(d) If such child wishes to attend a school within the nonresident district or charter school that is a"; and

Further amend said bill, Lines 89 to 98, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(3) The school district, charter school, or public school may require:

(a) A contractor to provide documentation showing that such contractor meets the requirements of this subsection; and

(b) A contractor or regular employee to have worked a minimum number of days, not to exceed sixty, for such contractor's or regular employee's child to be eligible to attend school in such nonresident school district, or charter school under this subsection.

(4) Neither the resident district or charter school nor nonresident district or charter school shall be responsible for providing transportation services under this subsection.

(5) If the parent of a nonresident child attending school under this subsection ceases to be a contractor or regular employee of a school district or charter school, the child may complete"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Christ, **House Amendment No. 9** was adopted.

Representative Keathley offered **House Amendment No. 10**.

House Amendment No. 10

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 41, Section 160.2710, Line 10, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"161.264. 1. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a statewide program to be known as the "STEM Career Awareness Activity Program" to increase STEM career awareness among students in grades nine through twelve. For the purposes of this section, "STEM" means science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promote the statewide program beginning in the 2026-27 school year. The program shall introduce students in grades nine through twelve to a wide variety of STEM careers and technology through an activity program that involves participating in STEM-related activities at state, national, or international competitions.

3. (1) By January 1, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall solicit proposals to provide the activity program. By March 1, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall select a provider for the program.

(2) The department shall select a provider that presents quantitative or qualitative data demonstrating the effectiveness of the program in any of the following areas:

(a) Helping teachers improve their instruction in STEM-related subjects;

(b) Increasing the likelihood that students will go on to study a STEM-related subject at a four-year college upon graduation from high school; or

(c) Increasing the likelihood that students will enter the STEM workforce upon graduation from high school or college.

(3) The department shall select a provider that delivers a program that meets the following criteria:

(a) Provides an activity program that is led by teachers who are fully certified to teach in STEM-related subjects in grades nine through twelve under the laws governing the certification of teachers in Missouri; and

(b) Facilitates a cohort of students in grades nine through twelve to participate in STEM-related activities at state, national, or international competitions.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of this section to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education may choose a third-party nonprofit entity to implement the statewide program, solicit proposals, and select a provider as described under subsection 3 of this section.

5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "STEM Career Awareness Activity Fund". The fund shall consist of any appropriations, gifts, bequests, or public or private donations to such fund. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements of public moneys in accordance with distribution requirements and procedures developed by the department of elementary and secondary education. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

6. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This

section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of this act shall be invalid and void."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 68, Section 167.624, Line 10, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"167.850. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Board", the state board of education;
 (2) "Commissioner", the commissioner of education;
 (3) "Recovery high school", a ~~[public]~~ high school that serves eligible students diagnosed with substance use disorder or dependency as defined by the most recent Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and that provides both a comprehensive four-year high school education in an alternative ~~[public]~~ school setting and a structured plan of recovery;

(4) "Sending district", the school district where a student attending or planning to attend the recovery high school resides and from which the student is referred for enrollment in a recovery high school;

(5) "Sponsoring entity", the state department of elementary and secondary education, a school district, a magnet school, a charter school, a private school as defined in section 166.700, or any combination of such entities.

2. (1) The commissioner may approve and authorize up to four pilot recovery high schools, geographically located in metropolitan areas throughout the state, to be established by ~~[school districts or groups of school districts]~~ **a sponsoring entity** for the purpose of demonstrating the effectiveness of the recovery high school model in this state. The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals from ~~[school districts]~~ **sponsoring entities** to operate a pilot recovery high school. Such proposals may be submitted by an individual ~~[school district]~~ **sponsoring entity** proposing to operate a recovery high school or by a group of ~~[school districts]~~ **sponsoring entities** proposing to jointly operate such a school. Such proposals shall be submitted to the commissioner no later than July first of the school year prior to the school year in which the recovery high school is proposed to begin operation. The approval of the board shall be required for the recovery high school to begin operation.

(2) Proposals shall detail how the ~~[district or districts]~~ **sponsoring entity** will satisfy the criteria for a high school education program under state law and board rule and how the recovery high school will satisfy the requirements for accreditation by the Association of Recovery Schools or another recovery school accreditation organization authorized by the board. The proposal shall include a financial plan outlining the anticipated public and private funding that will allow the recovery high school to operate and meet the school's educational and recovery criteria. The ~~[district or districts]~~ **sponsoring entity** may partner with one or more local nonprofit organizations or other local educational agencies regarding establishment and operation of a recovery high school and may establish a joint board to oversee the operation of the recovery high school as provided in a memorandum of understanding entered with such organization or organizations.

(3) By approval of the proposal upon the recommendation of the commissioner, the board shall be deemed to have authorized all necessary equivalencies and waivers of regulations enumerated in the proposal.

(4) The commissioner may specify an authorization period for the recovery high school, which shall be no less than four years. Before July first of each year the recovery high school is in operation, the ~~[school district or group of school districts]~~ **sponsoring entity**, in consultation with the recovery high school, shall submit to the commissioner an analysis of the recovery high school's educational, recovery, and other related outcomes as specified in the proposal. The commissioner shall review the analysis and renew any recovery high school meeting the requirements of this section and the requirements of the school's proposal and may include terms and conditions to address areas needing correction or improvement. The commissioner may revoke or suspend the authorization of a recovery high school not meeting the requirements of this section or the requirements of the school's proposal.

(5) Pupil attendance, dropout rate, student performance on statewide assessments, and other data considered in the Missouri school improvement program and school accreditation shall not be attributed to the general accreditation of either a sending district or the ~~[district or districts]~~ **sponsoring entity** operating the recovery high school and may be used by the commissioner only in the renewal process for the recovery high school as provided in this subsection.

3. (1) A school district may enter into an agreement with a ~~[district or districts]~~ **sponsoring entity** operating a recovery high school for the enrollment of an eligible student who is currently enrolled in or resides in the sending district.

(2) A parent or guardian may seek to enroll an eligible student residing in a sending district in a recovery high school created under this section. A student over eighteen years of age residing in a sending district may seek to enroll in a recovery high school.

(3) An "eligible student" shall mean a student who is in recovery from substance use disorder or substance dependency, or such a condition along with co-occurring disorders such as anxiety, depression, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and who is determined by the recovery high school to be a student who would academically and clinically benefit from placement in the recovery high school and is committed to working on the student's recovery. The recovery high school shall consider available information including, but not limited to, any recommendation of a drug counselor, alcoholism counselor, or substance abuse counselor licensed or certified under applicable laws and regulations.

(4) A recovery high school shall not limit or deny admission to an eligible student based on race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, income level, proficiency in the English language, or athletic ability.

4. (1) The recovery high school shall annually adopt a policy establishing a tuition rate for its students no later than February first of the preceding school year.

(2) The sending district of an eligible student who is enrolled in and attending a recovery high school shall pay tuition to the recovery high school equal to the lesser of:

(a) The tuition rate established under subdivision (1) of this subsection; or

(b) The state adequacy target, as defined in section 163.011, plus the average sum produced per child by the local tax effort above the state adequacy target of the sending district.

(3) If costs associated with the provision of special education and related disability services to the student exceed the tuition to be paid under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the sending district shall remain responsible for paying the excess cost to the recovery high school.

(4) The commissioner may enter into an agreement with the appropriate official or agency of another state to develop a reciprocity agreement for otherwise eligible, nonresident students seeking to attend a recovery high school in this state. A recovery high school may enroll otherwise eligible students residing in a state other than this state as provided in such reciprocity agreement. Such reciprocity agreement shall require the out-of-state student's district of residence to pay to the recovery high school an annual amount equal to one hundred five percent of the tuition rate for the recovery high school established under this subsection. If an otherwise eligible student resides in a state that is not subject to a reciprocity agreement, such student may attend a recovery high school provided such student pays to the school one hundred five percent of the tuition rate for the recovery high school established under this subsection. No student enrolled and attending a recovery high school under this subdivision shall be included as a resident pupil for any state aid purpose under chapter 163.

5. The board, in consultation with the department of mental health, may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Keathley, **House Amendment No. 10** was adopted.

Representative Haley offered **House Amendment No. 11**.

House Amendment No. 11

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 79, Section 168.331, Line 31, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"169.070. 1. The retirement allowance of a member whose age at retirement is sixty years or more and whose creditable service is five years or more, or whose sum of age and creditable service equals eighty years or more, or who has attained age fifty-five and whose creditable service is twenty-five years or more or whose creditable service is thirty years or more regardless of age, may be the sum of the following items, not to exceed one hundred percent of the member's final average salary:

- (1) Two and five-tenths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service;
- (2) Six-tenths of the amount payable for a year of membership service for each year of prior service not exceeding thirty years.

In lieu of the retirement allowance otherwise provided in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, a member may elect to receive a retirement allowance of:

(3) Two and four-tenths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-nine years or more but less than thirty years, and the member has not attained age fifty-five;

(4) Two and thirty-five-hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-eight years or more but less than twenty-nine years, and the member has not attained age fifty-five;

(5) Two and three-tenths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-seven years or more but less than twenty-eight years, and the member has not attained age fifty-five;

(6) Two and twenty-five-hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-six years or more but less than twenty-seven years, and the member has not attained age fifty-five;

(7) Two and two-tenths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-five years or more but less than twenty-six years, and the member has not attained age fifty-five;

(8) Two and fifty-five hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is thirty-two years or more regardless of age.

2. In lieu of the retirement allowance provided in subsection 1 of this section, a member whose age is sixty years or more on September 28, 1975, may elect to have the member's retirement allowance calculated as a sum of the following items:

(1) Sixty cents plus one and five-tenths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service;

(2) Six-tenths of the amount payable for a year of membership service for each year of prior service not exceeding thirty years;

(3) Three-fourths of one percent of the sum of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection for each month of attained age in excess of sixty years but not in excess of age sixty-five.

3. (1) In lieu of the retirement allowance provided either in subsection 1 or 2 of this section, collectively called "option 1", a member whose creditable service is twenty-five years or more or who has attained the age of fifty-five with five or more years of creditable service may elect in the member's application for retirement to receive the actuarial equivalent of the member's retirement allowance in reduced monthly payments for life during retirement with the provision that:

Option 2.

Upon the member's death the reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member as the member shall have nominated in the member's election of the option, and provided further that if the person so nominated dies before the retired member, the retirement allowance will be increased to the amount the retired member would be receiving had the retired member elected option 1; or

Option 3.

Upon the death of the member three-fourths of the reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member and as the member shall have nominated in an election of the option, and provided further that if the person so nominated dies before the retired member, the retirement allowance will be increased to the amount the retired member would be receiving had the member elected option 1; or

Option 4.

Upon the death of the member one-half of the reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of, and paid to, such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member and as the member shall have nominated in an election of the option, and provided further that if the person so nominated dies before the retired member, the retirement allowance shall be increased to the amount the retired member would be receiving had the member elected option 1; or

Option 5.

Upon the death of the member prior to the member having received one hundred twenty monthly payments of the member's reduced allowance, the remainder of the one hundred twenty monthly payments of the reduced allowance shall be paid to such beneficiary as the member shall have nominated in the member's election of the option or in a subsequent nomination. If there is no beneficiary so nominated who survives the member for the remainder of the one hundred twenty monthly payments, the total of the remainder of such one hundred twenty monthly payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the last person, in that order of precedence, to receive a monthly allowance in a lump sum payment. If the total of the one hundred twenty payments paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the retired individual is less than the total of the member's accumulated contributions, the difference shall be paid to the beneficiary in a lump sum; or

Option 6.

Upon the death of the member prior to the member having received sixty monthly payments of the member's reduced allowance, the remainder of the sixty monthly payments of the reduced allowance shall be paid to such beneficiary as the member shall have nominated in the member's election of the option or in a subsequent nomination. If there is no beneficiary so nominated who survives the member for the remainder of the sixty monthly payments, the total of the remainder of such sixty monthly payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the last person, in that order of precedence, to receive a monthly allowance in a lump sum payment. If the total of the sixty payments paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the retired individual is less than the total of the member's accumulated contributions, the difference shall be paid to the beneficiary in a lump sum.

(2) The election of an option may be made only in the application for retirement and such application must be filed prior to the date on which the retirement of the member is to be effective. If either the member or the person nominated to receive the survivorship payments dies before the effective date of retirement, the option shall not be effective, provided that:

(a) If the member or a person retired on disability retirement dies after acquiring twenty-five or more years of creditable service or after attaining the age of fifty-five years and acquiring five or more years of creditable service and before retirement, except retirement with disability benefits, and the person named by the member as the member's beneficiary has an insurable interest in the life of the deceased member, the designated beneficiary may elect to receive either survivorship benefits under option 2 or a payment of the accumulated contributions of the member. If survivorship benefits under option 2 are elected and the member at the time of death would have been eligible to receive an actuarial equivalent of the member's retirement allowance, the designated beneficiary may further elect to defer the option 2 payments until the date the member would have been eligible to receive the retirement allowance provided in subsection 1 or 2 of this section;

(b) If the member or a person retired on disability retirement dies before attaining age fifty-five but after acquiring five but fewer than twenty-five years of creditable service, and the person named as the member's beneficiary has an insurable interest in the life of the deceased member, the designated beneficiary may elect to receive either a payment of the member's accumulated contributions, or survivorship benefits under option 2 to begin on the date the member would first have been eligible to receive an actuarial equivalent of the member's retirement allowance, or to begin on the date the member would first have been eligible to receive the retirement allowance provided in subsection 1 or 2 of this section.

4. If the total of the retirement or disability allowance paid to an individual before the death of the individual is less than the accumulated contributions at the time of retirement, the difference shall be paid to the beneficiary of the individual, or to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the individual in that order of precedence. If an optional benefit as provided in option 2, 3 or 4 in subsection 3 of this section had been elected, and the beneficiary dies after receiving the optional benefit, and if the total retirement allowance paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the retired individual is less than the total of the contributions, the difference shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the beneficiary, in that order of precedence, unless the retired individual designates a different recipient with the board at or after retirement.

5. If a member dies and his or her financial institution is unable to accept the final payment or payments due to the member, the final payment or payments shall be paid to the beneficiary of the member or, if there is no beneficiary, to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the member, in that order of precedence, unless otherwise stated. If the beneficiary of a deceased member dies and his or her financial institution is unable to accept the final payment or payments, the final payment or payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the member, in that order of precedence, unless otherwise stated.

6. If a member dies before receiving a retirement allowance, the member's accumulated contributions at the time of the death of the member shall be paid to the beneficiary of the member or, if there is no beneficiary, to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or to the estate of the member, in that order of precedence; except that, no such payment shall be made if the beneficiary elects option 2 in subsection 3 of this section, unless the beneficiary dies before having received benefits pursuant to that subsection equal to the accumulated contributions of the member, in which case the amount of accumulated contributions in excess of the total benefits paid pursuant to that subsection shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the beneficiary, in that order of precedence.

7. If a member ceases to be a public school employee as herein defined and certifies to the board of trustees that such cessation is permanent, or if the membership of the person is otherwise terminated, the member shall be paid the member's accumulated contributions with interest.

8. Notwithstanding any provisions of sections 169.010 to 169.141 to the contrary, if a member ceases to be a public school employee after acquiring five or more years of membership service in Missouri, the member may at the option of the member leave the member's contributions with the retirement system and claim a retirement allowance any time after reaching the minimum age for voluntary retirement. When the member's claim is presented to the board, the member shall be granted an allowance as provided in sections 169.010 to 169.141 on the basis of the member's age, years of service, and the provisions of the law in effect at the time the member requests the member's retirement to become effective.

9. The retirement allowance of a member retired because of disability shall be nine-tenths of the allowance to which the member's creditable service would entitle the member if the member's age were sixty, or fifty percent of one-twelfth of the annual salary rate used in determining the member's contributions during the last school year for which the member received a year of creditable service immediately prior to the member's disability, whichever is greater, except that no such allowance shall exceed the retirement allowance to which the member would have been entitled upon retirement at age sixty if the member had continued to teach from the date of disability until age sixty at the same salary rate.

10. Notwithstanding any provisions of sections 169.010 to 169.141 to the contrary, from October 13, 1961, the contribution rate pursuant to sections 169.010 to 169.141 shall be multiplied by the factor of two-thirds for any member of the system for whom federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance tax is paid from state or local tax funds on account of the member's employment entitling the person to membership in the system. The monetary benefits for a member who elected not to exercise an option to pay into the system a retroactive contribution of four percent on that part of the member's annual salary rate which was in excess of four thousand eight hundred dollars but not in excess of eight thousand four hundred dollars for each year of employment in a position covered by this system between July 1, 1957, and July 1, 1961, as provided in subsection 10 of this section as it appears in RSMo, 1969, shall be the sum of:

(1) For years of service prior to July 1, 1946, six-tenths of the full amount payable for years of membership service;

(2) For years of membership service after July 1, 1946, in which the full contribution rate was paid, full benefits under the formula in effect at the time of the member's retirement;

(3) For years of membership service after July 1, 1957, and prior to July 1, 1961, the benefits provided in this section as it appears in RSMo, 1959; except that if the member has at least thirty years of creditable service at retirement the member shall receive the benefit payable pursuant to that section as though the member's age were sixty-five at retirement;

(4) For years of membership service after July 1, 1961, in which the two-thirds contribution rate was paid, two-thirds of the benefits under the formula in effect at the time of the member's retirement.

11. The monetary benefits for each other member for whom federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance tax is or was paid at any time from state or local funds on account of the member's employment entitling the member to membership in the system shall be the sum of:

(1) For years of service prior to July 1, 1946, six-tenths of the full amount payable for years of membership service;

(2) For years of membership service after July 1, 1946, in which the full contribution rate was paid, full benefits under the formula in effect at the time of the member's retirement;

(3) For years of membership service after July 1, 1957, in which the two-thirds contribution rate was paid, two-thirds of the benefits under the formula in effect at the time of the member's retirement.

12. Any retired member of the system who was retired prior to September 1, 1972, or beneficiary receiving payments under option 1 or option 2 of subsection 3 of this section, as such option existed prior to September 1, 1972, will be eligible to receive an increase in the retirement allowance of the member of two percent for each year, or major fraction of more than one-half of a year, which the retired member has been retired prior to July 1, 1975. This increased amount shall be payable commencing with January, 1976, and shall thereafter be referred to as the member's retirement allowance. The increase provided for in this subsection shall not affect the retired member's eligibility for compensation provided for in section ~~[169.580 or]~~ 169.585, nor shall the amount being paid pursuant to these sections be reduced because of any increases provided for in this section.

13. (1) If the board of trustees determines that the cost of living, as measured by generally accepted standards, increases two percent or more in the preceding fiscal year, the board shall increase the retirement allowances which the retired members or beneficiaries are receiving by two percent of the amount being received by the retired member or the beneficiary at the time the annual increase is granted by the board with the provision that the increases provided for in this subsection shall not become effective until the fourth January first following the member's retirement or January 1, 1977, whichever later occurs, or in the case of any member retiring on or after July 1, 2000, the increase provided for in this subsection shall not become effective until the third January first following the member's retirement, or in the case of any member retiring on or after July 1, 2001, the increase provided for in this subsection shall not become effective until the second January first following the member's retirement. Commencing with January 1, 1992, if the board of trustees determines that the cost of living has increased five percent or more in the preceding fiscal year, the board shall increase the retirement allowances by five percent. The total of the increases granted to a retired member or the beneficiary after December 31, 1976, may not exceed eighty percent of the retirement allowance established at retirement or as previously adjusted by other subsections.

(2) **Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the limitation on the total of the increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary as provided by subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be subject to an annual increase approved by the board of trustees beginning on December 31, 2025, and on each December thirty-first thereafter, except that such annual increase shall not exceed one percent per year. Any increase to the limitation shall depend on the performance of the system's investments. If the system's investments earn two percent or greater returns in excess of the investment return rate adopted by the board of trustees in the immediately prior fiscal year, then the percentage of the retirement allowance for the total of increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary shall be increased by one percent. The one percent increase shall be incorporated in the calculation applicable to the retirement allowances in the calendar year that immediately follows the fiscal year in which the system's investments met or exceeded by two percent the investment return rate. The total of the increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary shall not exceed one hundred percent of the retirement allowance established at retirement or as previously adjusted by other sections. The percentage of the retirement allowance for the total of increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary shall not be decreased. Any reference to the limitation on the total of increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary in any other section of this chapter shall be construed to be the percentage of the retirement allowance in effect as increased pursuant to this subdivision, unless such increase to the percentage of the retirement allowance is otherwise expressly excluded.**

(3) If the cost of living increases less than five percent, the board of trustees may determine the percentage of increase to be made in retirement allowances, but at no time can the increase exceed five percent per year. If the cost of living decreases in a fiscal year, there will be no increase in allowances for retired members on the following January first.

14. The board of trustees may reduce the amounts which have been granted as increases to a member pursuant to subsection 13 of this section if the cost of living, as determined by the board and as measured by generally accepted standards, is less than the cost of living was at the time of the first increase granted to the member; except that, the reductions shall not exceed the amount of increases which have been made to the member's allowance after December 31, 1976.

15. Any application for retirement shall include a sworn statement by the member certifying that the spouse of the member at the time the application was completed was aware of the application and the plan of retirement elected in the application.

16. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person retired prior to September 28, 1983, who is receiving a reduced retirement allowance under option 1 or option 2 of subsection 3 of this section, as such option existed prior to September 28, 1983, and whose beneficiary nominated to receive continued retirement allowance payments under the elected option dies or has died, shall upon application to the board of trustees have his or her retirement allowance increased to the amount he or she would have been receiving had the option not been elected, actuarially adjusted to recognize any excessive benefits which would have been paid to him or her up to the time of application.

17. Benefits paid pursuant to the provisions of the public school retirement system of Missouri shall not exceed the limitations of Section 415 of Title 26 of the United States Code except as provided pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of trustees may establish a benefit plan pursuant to Section 415(m) of Title 26 of the United States Code. Such plan shall be created solely for the purpose described in Section 415(m)(3)(A) of Title 26 of the United States Code. The board of trustees may promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection and to create and administer such benefit plan.

18. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person retired before, on, or after May 26, 1994, shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties the person shall receive an amount based on the person's years of service so that the total amount received pursuant to sections 169.010 to 169.141 shall be at least the minimum amounts specified in subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection. In determining the minimum amount to be received, the amounts in subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection shall be adjusted in accordance with the actuarial adjustment, if any, that was applied to the person's retirement allowance. In determining the minimum amount to be received, beginning September 1, 1996, the amounts in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be adjusted in accordance with the actuarial adjustment, if any, that was applied to the person's retirement allowance due to election of an optional form of retirement having a continued monthly payment after the person's death. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no person retired before, on, or after May 26, 1994, and no beneficiary of such a person, shall receive a retirement benefit pursuant to sections 169.010 to 169.141 based on the person's years of service less than the following amounts:

- (1) Thirty or more years of service, one thousand two hundred dollars;
- (2) At least twenty-five years but less than thirty years, one thousand dollars;
- (3) At least twenty years but less than twenty-five years, eight hundred dollars;
- (4) At least fifteen years but less than twenty years, six hundred dollars.

19. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any person retired prior to May 26, 1994, and any designated beneficiary of such a retired member who was deceased prior to July 1, 1999, shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement or aging and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. Beginning September 1, 1996, as compensation for such service, the member shall have added, pursuant to this subsection, to the member's monthly annuity as provided by this section a dollar amount equal to the lesser of sixty dollars or the product of two dollars multiplied by the member's number of years of creditable service. Beginning September 1, 1999, the designated beneficiary of the deceased member shall as compensation for such service have added, pursuant to this subsection, to the monthly annuity as provided by this section a dollar amount equal to the lesser of sixty dollars or the product of two dollars multiplied by the member's number of years of creditable service. The total compensation provided by this section including the compensation provided by this subsection shall be used in calculating any future cost-of-living adjustments provided by subsection 13 of this section.

20. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 1998, and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties the person shall receive a payment equivalent to eight and seven-tenths percent of the previous month's benefit, which shall be added to the member's or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 13 and 14 of this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received.

21. Any member who has retired shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such request. As compensation for such duties, the beneficiary of the retired member, or, if there is no beneficiary, the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in

equal shares, or estate of the retired member, in that order of precedence, shall receive as a part of compensation for these duties a death benefit of five thousand dollars.

22. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 1999, and the designated beneficiary of a retired member who was deceased prior to July 1, 1999, shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties, the person shall have added, pursuant to this subsection, to the monthly annuity as provided by this section a dollar amount equal to five dollars times the member's number of years of creditable service.

23. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 2000, and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties, the person shall receive a payment equivalent to three and five-tenths percent of the previous month's benefit, which shall be added to the member or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 13 and 14 of this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received.

24. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 2001, and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties, the person shall receive a dollar amount equal to three dollars times the member's number of years of creditable service, which shall be added to the member's or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 13 and 14 of this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received.

169.670. 1. The retirement allowance of a member whose age at retirement is sixty years or more and whose creditable service is five years or more, or whose sum of age and creditable service equals eighty years or more, or whose creditable service is thirty years or more regardless of age, shall be the sum of the following items:

(1) For each year of membership service, one and sixty-one hundredths percent of the member's final average salary;

(2) Six-tenths of the amount payable for a year of membership service for each year of prior service;

(3) Eighty-five one-hundredths of one percent of any amount by which the member's average compensation for services rendered prior to July 1, 1973, exceeds the average monthly compensation on which federal Social Security taxes were paid during the period over which such average compensation was computed, for each year of membership service credit for services rendered prior to July 1, 1973, plus six-tenths of the amount payable for a year of membership service for each year of prior service credit;

(4) In lieu of the retirement allowance otherwise provided by subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection, a member may elect to receive a retirement allowance of:

(a) One and fifty-nine hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-nine years or more but less than thirty years and the member has not attained the age of fifty-five;

(b) One and fifty-seven hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-eight years or more but less than twenty-nine years, and the member has not attained the age of fifty-five;

(c) One and fifty-five hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-seven years or more but less than twenty-eight years and the member has not attained the age of fifty-five;

(d) One and fifty-three hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-six years or more but less than twenty-seven years and the member has not attained the age of fifty-five;

(e) One and fifty-one hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-five years or more but less than twenty-six years and the member has not attained the age of fifty-five; and

(5) In addition to the retirement allowance provided in subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection, a member retiring on or after July 1, 2001, whose creditable service is thirty years or more or whose sum of age and creditable service is eighty years or more, shall receive a temporary retirement allowance equivalent to eight-tenths of one percent of the member's final average salary multiplied by the member's years of service until such time as the member reaches the minimum age for Social Security retirement benefits.

2. (1) If the board of trustees determines that the cost of living, as measured by generally accepted standards, increases five percent or more in the preceding fiscal year, the board shall increase the retirement allowances which the retired members or beneficiaries are receiving by five percent of the amount being received by the retired member or the beneficiary at the time the annual increase is granted by the board; provided that, the increase provided in this subsection shall not become effective until the fourth January first following a member's retirement or January 1, 1982, whichever occurs later, and the total of the increases granted to a retired member or the beneficiary after December 31, 1981, may not exceed eighty percent of the retirement allowance established at retirement or as previously adjusted by other provisions of law.

(2) **Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the limitation on the total of the increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary as provided by subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be subject to an annual increase approved by the board of trustees beginning on December 31, 2025, and on each December thirty-first thereafter, except that such annual increase shall not exceed one percent per year. Any increase to the limitation shall depend on the performance of the system's investments. If the system's investments earn two percent or greater returns in excess of the investment return rate adopted by the board of trustees in the immediately prior fiscal year, then the percentage of the retirement allowance for the total of increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary shall be increased by one percent. The one percent increase shall be incorporated in the calculation applicable to the retirement allowances in the calendar year that immediately follows the fiscal year in which the system's investments met or exceeded by two percent the investment return rate. The total of the increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary shall not exceed one hundred percent of the retirement allowance established at retirement or as previously adjusted by other sections. The percentage of the retirement allowance for the total of increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary shall not be decreased. Any reference to the limitation on the total of increases granted to a retired member or beneficiary in any other section of this chapter shall be construed to be the percentage of the retirement allowance in effect as increased pursuant to this subdivision, unless such increase to the percentage of the retirement allowance is otherwise expressly excluded.**

(3) If the cost of living increases less than five percent, the board of trustees may determine the percentage of increase to be made in retirement allowances, but at no time can the increase exceed five percent per year. If the cost of living decreases in a fiscal year, there will be no increase in allowances for retired members on the following January first.

3. The board of trustees may reduce the amounts which have been granted as increases to a member pursuant to subsection 2 of this section if the cost of living, as determined by the board and as measured by generally accepted standards, is less than the cost of living was at the time of the first increase granted to the member; provided that, the reductions shall not exceed the amount of increases which have been made to the member's allowance after December 31, 1981.

4. (1) In lieu of the retirement allowance provided in subsection 1 of this section, called option 1, a member whose creditable service is twenty-five years or more or who has attained age fifty-five with five or more years of creditable service may elect, in the application for retirement, to receive the actuarial equivalent of the member's retirement allowance in reduced monthly payments for life during retirement with the provision that:

Option 2.

Upon the member's death, the reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member as the member shall have nominated in the member's election of the option, and provided further that if the person so nominated dies before the retired member, the retirement allowance will be increased to the amount the retired member would be receiving had the member elected option 1; or

Option 3.

Upon the death of the member three-fourths of the reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member and as the member shall have nominated in an election of the option, and provided further that if the person so nominated dies before the retired member, the retirement allowance will be increased to the amount the retired member would be receiving had the member elected option 1; or

Option 4.

Upon the death of the member one-half of the reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of, and paid to, such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member and as the member shall have nominated in an election of the option, and provided further that if the person so nominated dies before the

retired member, the retirement allowance shall be increased to the amount the retired member would be receiving had the member elected option 1; or

Option 5.

Upon the death of the member prior to the member having received one hundred twenty monthly payments of the member's reduced allowance, the remainder of the one hundred twenty monthly payments of the reduced allowance shall be paid to such beneficiary as the member shall have nominated in the member's election of the option or in a subsequent nomination. If there is no beneficiary so nominated who survives the member for the remainder of the one hundred twenty monthly payments, the reserve for the remainder of such one hundred twenty monthly payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the last person, in that order of precedence, to receive a monthly allowance in a lump sum payment. If the total of the one hundred twenty payments paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the retired individual is less than the total of the member's accumulated contributions, the difference shall be paid to the beneficiary in a lump sum; or

Option 6.

Upon the death of the member prior to the member having received sixty monthly payments of the member's reduced allowance, the remainder of the sixty monthly payments of the reduced allowance shall be paid to such beneficiary as the member shall have nominated in the member's election of the option or in a subsequent nomination. If there is no beneficiary so nominated who survives the member for the remainder of the sixty monthly payments, the reserve for the remainder of such sixty monthly payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the last person, in that order of precedence, to receive a monthly allowance in a lump sum payment. If the total of the sixty payments paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the retired individual is less than the total of the member's accumulated contributions, the difference shall be paid to the beneficiary in a lump sum; or

Option 7.

A plan of variable monthly benefit payments which provides, in conjunction with the member's retirement benefits under the federal Social Security laws, level or near-level retirement benefit payments to the member for life during retirement, and if authorized, to an appropriate beneficiary designated by the member. Such a plan shall be actuarially equivalent to the retirement allowance under option 1 and shall be available for election only if established by the board of trustees under duly adopted rules.

(2) The election of an option may be made only in the application for retirement and such application must be filed prior to the date on which the retirement of the member is to be effective. If either the member or the person nominated dies before the effective date of retirement, the option shall not be effective, provided that:

(a) If the member or a person retired on disability retirement dies after attaining age fifty-five and acquiring five or more years of creditable service or after acquiring twenty-five or more years of creditable service and before retirement, except retirement with disability benefits, and the person named by the member as the member's beneficiary has an insurable interest in the life of the deceased member, the designated beneficiary may elect to receive either survivorship payments under option 2 or a payment of the member's accumulated contributions. If survivorship benefits under option 2 are elected and the member at the time of death would have been eligible to receive an actuarial equivalent of the member's retirement allowance, the designated beneficiary may further elect to defer the option 2 payments until the date the member would have been eligible to receive the retirement allowance provided in subsection 1 of this section.

(b) If the member or a person retired on disability retirement dies before attaining age fifty-five but after acquiring five but fewer than twenty-five years of creditable service, and the person named as the beneficiary has an insurable interest in the life of the deceased member or disability retiree, the designated beneficiary may elect to receive either a payment of the person's accumulated contributions or survivorship benefits under option 2 to begin on the date the member would first have been eligible to receive an actuarial equivalent of the person's retirement allowance, or to begin on the date the member would first have been eligible to receive the retirement allowance provided in subsection 1 of this section.

5. If the total of the retirement or disability allowances paid to an individual before the person's death is less than the person's accumulated contributions at the time of the person's retirement, the difference shall be paid to the person's beneficiary or, if there is no beneficiary, to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or person's estate, in that order of precedence; provided, however, that if an optional benefit, as provided in option 2, 3 or 4 in subsection 4 of this section, had been elected and the beneficiary dies after receiving the optional benefit, then, if the total retirement allowances paid to the retired individual and the individual's beneficiary are less than the total of the contributions, the difference shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the beneficiary, in that

order of precedence, unless the retired individual designates a different recipient with the board at or after retirement.

6. If a member dies and his or her financial institution is unable to accept the final payment or payments due to the member, the final payment or payments shall be paid to the beneficiary of the member or, if there is no beneficiary, to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the member, in that order of precedence, unless otherwise stated. If the beneficiary of a deceased member dies and his or her financial institution is unable to accept the final payment or payments, the final payment or payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the member, in that order of precedence, unless otherwise stated.

7. If a member dies before receiving a retirement allowance, the member's accumulated contributions at the time of the member's death shall be paid to the member's beneficiary or, if there is no beneficiary, to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or to the member's estate; provided, however, that no such payment shall be made if the beneficiary elects option 2 in subsection 4 of this section, unless the beneficiary dies before having received benefits pursuant to that subsection equal to the accumulated contributions of the member, in which case the amount of accumulated contributions in excess of the total benefits paid pursuant to that subsection shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the beneficiary, in that order of precedence.

8. If a member ceases to be an employee as defined in section 169.600 and certifies to the board of trustees that such cessation is permanent or if the person's membership is otherwise terminated, the person shall be paid the person's accumulated contributions with interest.

9. Notwithstanding any provisions of sections 169.600 to 169.715 to the contrary, if a member ceases to be an employee as defined in section 169.600 after acquiring five or more years of creditable service, the member may, at the option of the member, leave the member's contributions with the retirement system and claim a retirement allowance any time after the member reaches the minimum age for voluntary retirement. When the member's claim is presented to the board, the member shall be granted an allowance as provided in sections 169.600 to 169.715 on the basis of the member's age and years of service.

10. The retirement allowance of a member retired because of disability shall be nine-tenths of the allowance to which the member's creditable service would entitle the member if the member's age were sixty.

11. Notwithstanding any provisions of sections 169.600 to 169.715 to the contrary, any member who is a member prior to October 13, 1969, may elect to have the member's retirement allowance computed in accordance with sections 169.600 to 169.715 as they existed prior to October 13, 1969.

12. Any application for retirement shall include a sworn statement by the member certifying that the spouse of the member at the time the application was completed was aware of the application and the plan of retirement elected in the application.

13. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person retired prior to August 14, 1984, who is receiving a reduced retirement allowance under option 1 or 2 of subsection 4 of this section, as the option existed prior to August 14, 1984, and whose beneficiary nominated to receive continued retirement allowance payments under the elected option dies or has died, shall upon application to the board of trustees have the person's retirement allowance increased to the amount the person would have been receiving had the person not elected the option actuarially adjusted to recognize any excessive benefits which would have been paid to the person up to the time of the application.

14. Benefits paid pursuant to the provisions of the public education employee retirement system of Missouri shall not exceed the limitations of Section 415 of Title 26 of the United States Code, except as provided under this subsection. Notwithstanding any other law, the board of trustees may establish a benefit plan under Section 415(m) of Title 26 of the United States Code. Such plan shall be credited solely for the purpose described in Section 415(m)(3)(A) of Title 26 of the United States Code. The board of trustees may promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection and to create and administer such benefit plan.

15. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 1999, and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member upon request shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging. As compensation for such duties the person shall receive a payment equivalent to seven and four-tenths percent of the previous month's benefit, which shall be added to the member's or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received.

16. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 2000, and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member upon request shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging. As compensation for such duties the person shall receive a payment equivalent to three and four-tenths percent of the previous month's benefit, which shall be added to the member's or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received.

17. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 2001, and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member upon request shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, retirement and aging. As compensation for such duties the person shall receive a payment equivalent to seven and one-tenth percent of the previous month's benefit, which shall be added to the member's or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Haley, **House Amendment No. 11** was adopted.

Representative Diehl offered **House Amendment No. 12**.

House Amendment No. 12

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 27, Section 160.663, Line 19, by deleting the word "**building**," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"building;

(5) "Master key box", an exterior secure master key box that meets the standards prescribed under Underwriters Laboratories Standard 1037 for use by fire protection and law enforcement."; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Line 24, by inserting after all of the said line the following:

"3. A school district or charter school may equip each school with one or more master key boxes to contain the necessary keys and access tools for fire protection and law enforcement to gain access to exterior or interior doors or entryways, including those equipped with an anti-intruder door lock required under this section."; and

Further amend said bill and section, Pages 27 to 28, by renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 28, Line 41, by inserting after all of the said line the following:

"(3) A school district or charter school may receive donations of master key boxes and moneys for the purchase of master key boxes."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 78, Section 168.036, Line 71, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"168.133. 1. As used in this section, "screened volunteer" shall mean any person who assists a school by providing uncompensated service and who may periodically be left alone with students. The school district **or charter school** shall ensure that a criminal background check is conducted for all screened volunteers, who shall complete the criminal background check prior to being left alone with a student. ~~[Screened volunteers include, but are not limited to, persons who regularly assist in the office or library, mentor or tutor students, coach or supervise a school-sponsored activity before or after school, or chaperone students on an overnight trip.]~~ Screened volunteers may only access student education records when necessary to assist the district **or charter school** and while supervised by staff members. Volunteers that are not screened shall not be left alone with a student or have access to student records.

2. (1) The school district **or charter school** shall ensure that a criminal background check is conducted on any person employed after January 1, 2005, authorized to have contact with pupils and prior to the individual having contact with any pupil. ~~[Such persons include, but are not limited to, administrators, teachers, aides, paraprofessionals, assistants, secretaries, custodians, cooks, screened volunteers, and nurses.]~~

(2) The school district **or charter school** shall also ensure that a criminal background check is conducted for school bus drivers **and drivers of other vehicles owned by the school district or charter school or operated under contract with a school district or charter school and used for the purpose of transporting school children**. The school district **or charter school** may allow such drivers to operate buses **and other vehicles** pending the result of the criminal background check. ~~[For bus drivers,]~~ The school district **or charter school** shall be responsible for conducting the criminal background check on drivers employed by the school district **or charter school under section 43.540**.

(3) For drivers employed **or contracted** by a pupil transportation company under contract with the school district **or a charter school**, the criminal background check shall be conducted **by the pupil transportation company** pursuant to section ~~[43.540]~~ **43.539** and conform to the requirements established in the National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended by the Volunteers for Children Act.

(4) Personnel who have successfully undergone a criminal background check and a check of the family care safety registry as part of the professional license application process under section 168.021 and who have received clearance on the checks within one prior year of employment shall be considered to have completed the background check requirement.

(5) A criminal background check under this section shall include a search of any information publicly available in an electronic format through a public index or single case display.

3. In order to facilitate the criminal history background check, the applicant shall submit a set of fingerprints collected pursuant to standards determined by the Missouri highway patrol. The fingerprints shall be used by the highway patrol to search the criminal history repository and shall be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for searching the federal criminal history files.

4. The applicant shall pay the fee for the state criminal history record information pursuant to section 43.530 and sections 210.900 to 210.936 and pay the appropriate fee determined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the federal criminal history record when he or she applies for a position authorized to have contact with pupils pursuant to this section. The department shall distribute the fees collected for the state and federal criminal histories to the Missouri highway patrol.

5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall facilitate an annual check of employed persons holding current active certificates under section 168.021 against criminal history records in the central repository under section 43.530, the sexual offender registry under sections 589.400 to 589.426, and child abuse central registry under sections 210.109 to 210.183. The department of elementary and secondary education shall facilitate procedures for school districts **and charter schools** to submit personnel information annually for persons employed by the school districts **or charter schools** who do not hold a current valid certificate who are required by subsection 1 of this section to undergo a criminal background check, sexual offender registry check, and child abuse central registry check. The Missouri state highway patrol shall provide ongoing electronic updates to criminal history background checks of those persons previously submitted, both those who have an active certificate and those who do not have an active certificate, by the department of elementary and secondary education. This shall fulfill the annual check against the criminal history records in the central repository under section 43.530.

6. The school district **or charter school** may adopt a policy to provide for reimbursement of expenses incurred by an employee for state and federal criminal history information pursuant to section 43.530.

7. If, as a result of the criminal history background check mandated by this section, it is determined that the holder of a certificate issued pursuant to section 168.021 has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of a crime or offense listed in section 168.071, or a similar crime or offense committed in another state, the United States, or any other country, regardless of imposition of sentence, such information shall be reported to the department of elementary and secondary education.

8. Any school official making a report to the department of elementary and secondary education in conformity with this section shall not be subject to civil liability for such action.

9. For any teacher who is employed by a school district **or charter school** on a substitute or part-time basis within one year of such teacher's retirement from a Missouri school, the state of Missouri shall not require such teacher to be subject to any additional background checks prior to having contact with pupils. Nothing in this

subsection shall be construed as prohibiting or otherwise restricting a school district **or charter school** from requiring additional background checks for such teachers employed by the school district **or charter school**.

10. A criminal background check and fingerprint collection conducted under subsections 1 to 3 of this section shall be valid for at least a period of one year and transferrable from one school district **or charter school** to another district **or charter school**. A school district **or charter school** may, in its discretion, conduct a new criminal background check and fingerprint collection under subsections 1 to 3 **of this section** for a newly hired employee at the district's **or charter school's** expense. A teacher's change in type of certification shall have no effect on the transferability or validity of such records.

11. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the standards for suspension, denial, or revocation of a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

12. The state board of education may promulgate rules for criminal history background checks made pursuant to this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after January 1, 2005, shall be invalid and void."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 86, Section 177.086, Line 17, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"302.177. 1. To all applicants for a license or renewal to transport persons or property classified in section 302.015 who are at least twenty-one years of age and under the age of seventy, and who submit a satisfactory application and meet the requirements of sections 302.010 to 302.605, the director shall issue or renew such license; except that no license shall be issued if an applicant's license is currently suspended, cancelled, revoked, disqualified, or deposited in lieu of bail. Such license shall expire on the applicant's birthday in the sixth year of issuance, unless the license must be issued for a shorter period due to other requirements of law or for transition or staggering of work as determined by the director. The license must be renewed on or before the date of expiration, which date shall be shown on the license.

2. To all applicants for a license or renewal to transport persons or property classified in section 302.015 who are less than twenty-one years of age or greater than sixty-nine years of age, and who submit a satisfactory application and meet the requirements of sections 302.010 to 302.605, the director shall issue or renew such license; except that no license shall be issued if an applicant's license is currently suspended, cancelled, revoked, disqualified, or deposited in lieu of bail. Such license shall expire on the applicant's birthday in the third year of issuance, unless the license must be issued for a shorter period due to other requirements of law or for transition or staggering of work as determined by the director. The license must be renewed on or before the date of expiration, which date shall be shown on the license. A license issued under this section to an applicant who is ~~over the age of sixty-nine~~ **seventy-five years of age or older** and contains a school bus endorsement shall not be issued for a period that exceeds ~~[one year]~~ **two years**.

3. To all other applicants for a license or renewal of a license who are at least twenty-one years of age and under the age of seventy, and who submit a satisfactory application and meet the requirements of sections 302.010 to 302.605, the director shall issue or renew such license; except that no license shall be issued if an applicant's license is currently suspended, cancelled, revoked, disqualified, or deposited in lieu of bail. Such license shall expire on the applicant's birthday in the sixth year of issuance, unless the license must be issued for a shorter period due to other requirements of law or for transition or staggering of work as determined by the director. The license must be renewed on or before the date of expiration, which date shall be shown on the license.

4. To all other applicants for a license or renewal of a license who are less than twenty-one years of age or greater than sixty-nine years of age, and who submit a satisfactory application and meet the requirements of sections 302.010 to 302.605, the director shall issue or renew such license; except that no license shall be issued if an applicant's license is currently suspended, cancelled, revoked, disqualified, or deposited in lieu of bail. Such license shall expire on the applicant's birthday in the third year of issuance, unless the license must be issued for a shorter period due to other requirements of law or for transition or staggering of work as determined by the director. The license must be renewed on or before the date of expiration, which date shall be shown on the license.

5. The fee for a license issued for a period which exceeds three years under subsection 1 of this section shall be thirty dollars.

6. The fee for a license issued for a period of three years or less under subsection 2 of this section shall be fifteen dollars, except that the fee for a license issued for one year or less which contains a school bus endorsement shall be five dollars, except renewal fees shall be waived for applicants ~~[seventy]~~ **seventy-five** years of age or older seeking school bus endorsements.

7. The fee for a license issued for a period which exceeds three years under subsection 3 of this section shall be fifteen dollars.

8. The fee for a license issued for a period of three years or less under subsection 4 of this section shall be seven dollars and fifty cents.

9. Beginning July 1, 2005, the director shall not issue a driver's license for a period that exceeds an applicant's lawful presence in the United States. The director may establish procedures to verify the lawful presence of the applicant and establish the duration of any driver's license issued under this section.

10. The director of revenue may adopt any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536.

302.272. 1. No person shall operate any school bus owned by or under contract with a public school or the state board of education unless such driver has qualified for a school bus endorsement under this section and complied with the pertinent rules and regulations of the department of revenue and any final rule issued by the secretary of the United States Department of Transportation or has a valid school bus endorsement on a valid commercial driver's license issued by another state. A school bus endorsement shall be issued to any applicant who meets the following qualifications:

- (1) The applicant has a valid state license issued under this chapter;
- (2) The applicant is at least twenty-one years of age; and
- (3) The applicant has successfully passed an examination for the operation of a school bus as prescribed by the director of revenue. The examination shall include any examinations prescribed by the secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, and a driving test in the type of vehicle to be operated. The test shall be completed in the appropriate class of vehicle to be driven. For purposes of this section classes of school buses shall comply with the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (Title XII of Pub. Law 99-570). For drivers who are at least ~~[seventy]~~ **seventy-five** years of age, such examination, excluding the pre-trip inspection portion of the commercial driver's license skills test, shall be completed ~~[annually]~~ **biennially** to retain the school bus endorsement.

2. The director of revenue, to the best of the director's knowledge, shall not issue or renew a school bus endorsement to any applicant whose driving record shows that such applicant's privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended, revoked or disqualified or whose driving record shows a history of moving vehicle violations.

3. The director may adopt any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2004, shall be invalid and void.

4. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, an applicant who resides in another state and possesses a valid driver's license from his or her state of residence with a valid school bus endorsement for the type of vehicle being operated shall not be required to obtain a Missouri driver's license with a school bus endorsement.

302.735. 1. An application shall not be taken from a nonresident after September 30, 2005. The application for a commercial driver's license shall include, but not be limited to, the applicant's legal name, mailing and residence address, if different, a physical description of the person, including sex, height, weight and eye color, the person's Social Security number, date of birth and any other information deemed appropriate by the director. The application shall also require, beginning September 30, 2005, the applicant to provide the names of all states where the applicant has been previously licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the preceding ten years.

2. A commercial driver's license shall expire on the applicant's birthday in the sixth year after issuance, unless the license must be issued for a shorter period due to other requirements of law or for transition or staggering of work as determined by the director, and must be renewed on or before the date of expiration. When a person changes such person's name an application for a duplicate license shall be made to the director of revenue. When a person changes such person's mailing address or residence the applicant shall notify the director of revenue of said

change, however, no application for a duplicate license is required. A commercial license issued pursuant to this section to an applicant less than twenty-one years of age and seventy years of age and older shall expire on the applicant's birthday in the third year after issuance, unless the license must be issued for a shorter period as determined by the director.

3. A commercial driver's license containing a hazardous materials endorsement issued to an applicant who is between the age of twenty-one and sixty-nine shall not be issued for a period exceeding five years from the approval date of the security threat assessment as determined by the Transportation Security Administration.

4. The director shall issue ~~an annual~~ **a biennial** commercial driver's license containing a school bus endorsement to an applicant who is ~~seventy~~ **seventy-five** years of age or older. The fee for such license shall be seven dollars and fifty cents.

5. A commercial driver's license containing a hazardous materials endorsement issued to an applicant who is seventy years of age or older shall not be issued for a period exceeding three years. The director shall not require such drivers to obtain a security threat assessment more frequently than such assessment is required by the Transportation Security Administration under the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT ACT) of 2001.

(1) The state shall immediately revoke a hazardous materials endorsement upon receipt of an initial determination of threat assessment and immediate revocation from the Transportation Security Administration as defined by 49 CFR 1572.13(a).

(2) The state shall revoke or deny a hazardous materials endorsement within fifteen days of receipt of a final determination of threat assessment from the Transportation Security Administration as required by CFR 1572.13(a).

6. The fee for a commercial driver's license or renewal commercial driver's license issued for a period greater than three years shall be forty dollars.

7. The fee for a commercial driver's license or renewal commercial driver's license issued for a period of three years or less shall be twenty dollars.

8. The fee for a duplicate commercial driver's license shall be twenty dollars.

9. In order for the director to properly transition driver's license requirements under the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 and the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT ACT) of 2001, the director is authorized to stagger expiration dates and make adjustments for any fees, including driver examination fees that are incurred by the driver as a result of the initial issuance of a transitional license required to comply with such acts.

10. Within thirty days after moving to this state, the holder of a commercial driver's license shall apply for a commercial driver's license in this state. The applicant shall meet all other requirements of sections 302.700 to 302.780, except that the director may waive the driving test for a commercial driver's license as required in section 302.720 if the applicant for a commercial driver's license has a valid commercial driver's license from a state which has requirements for issuance of such license comparable to those in this state.

11. Any person who falsifies any information in an application or test for a commercial driver's license shall not be licensed to operate a commercial motor vehicle, or the person's commercial driver's license shall be cancelled, for a period of one year after the director discovers such falsification.

12. Beginning July 1, 2005, the director shall not issue a commercial driver's license under this section unless the director verifies that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States before accepting the application. If lawful presence is granted for a temporary period, no commercial driver's license shall be issued. The director may, by rule or regulation, establish procedures to verify the lawful presence of the applicant and establish the duration of any commercial driver's license issued under this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536.

13. (1) Effective December 19, 2005, notwithstanding any provisions of subsections 1 and 5 of this section to the contrary, the director may issue a nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit to a resident of a foreign jurisdiction if the United States Secretary of Transportation has determined that the commercial motor vehicle testing and licensing standards in the foreign jurisdiction do not meet the testing standards established in 49 CFR 383.

(2) Any applicant for a nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit must present evidence satisfactory to the director that the applicant currently has employment with an employer in this state. The nondomiciled applicant must meet the same testing, driver record requirements, conditions, and is subject to the same disqualification and conviction reporting requirements applicable to resident commercial drivers.

(3) The nondomiciled commercial driver's license will expire on the same date that the documents establishing lawful presence for employment expire. The word "nondomiciled" shall appear on the face of the nondomiciled commercial driver's license. Any applicant for a Missouri nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit must first surrender any nondomiciled commercial driver's license issued by another state.

(4) The nondomiciled commercial driver's license applicant must pay the same fees as required for the issuance of a resident commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit.

14. Foreign jurisdiction for purposes of issuing a nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit under this section shall not include any of the fifty states of the United States or Canada or Mexico."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Diehl, **House Amendment No. 12** was adopted.

Representative Steinhoff offered **House Amendment No. 13**.

House Amendment No. 13

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, Page 53, Section 162.207, Line 48, by inserting after said section and line the following:

"162.700. 1. The board of education of each school district in this state, except school districts which are part of a special school district, and the board of education of each special school district shall provide special educational services for children with disabilities three years of age or more residing in the district as required by P.L. 99-457, as codified and as may be amended. Any child, determined to be a child with disabilities, shall be eligible for such services upon reaching his or her third birthday and state school funds shall be apportioned accordingly. This subsection shall apply to each full school year beginning on or after July 1, 1991. In the event that federal funding fails to be appropriated at the authorized level as described in 20 U.S.C. 1419(b)(2), the implementation of this subsection relating to services for children with disabilities three and four years of age may be delayed until such time as funds are appropriated to meet such level. Each local school district and each special school district shall be responsible to engage in a planning process to design the service delivery system necessary to provide special education and related services for children three and four years of age with disabilities. The planning process shall include public, private, and private not-for-profit agencies which have provided such services for this population. The school district, or school districts, or special school district, shall be responsible for designing an efficient service delivery system which uses the present resources of the local community which may be funded by the department of elementary and secondary education or the department of mental health. School districts may coordinate with public, private, and private not-for-profit agencies presently in existence. The service delivery system shall be consistent with the requirements of the department of elementary and secondary education to provide appropriate special education services in the least restrictive environment.

2. Every local school district or, if a special district is in operation, every special school district shall obtain current appropriate diagnostic reports for each **child** with disabilities ~~[child]~~ prior to assignment in a special program. These records may be obtained with parental permission from previous medical or psychological evaluation, may be provided by competent personnel of such district or special district, or may be secured by such district from competent and qualified medical, psychological, or other professional personnel.

3. Evaluations of private school students suspected of having a disability under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act will be conducted as appropriate by the school district in which the private school is located or its contractor.

4. Where special districts have been formed to serve children with disabilities under the provisions of sections 162.670 to ~~[462.995]~~ **162.974**, such children shall be educated in programs of the special district, except that component districts may provide education programs for children with disabilities ages three and four inclusive in accordance with regulations and standards adopted by the state board of education.

5. For the purposes of this act, remedial reading programs are not a special ~~[education]~~ **educational** service as defined by subdivision (4) of section 162.675.

6. Any and all state costs required to fund special education services for three- and four-year-old children under this section shall be provided for by a specific, separate appropriation and shall not be funded by a reallocation of money appropriated for the public school foundation program.

7. School districts providing early childhood special education shall give consideration to the value of continuing services with Part C early intervention system providers for the remainder of the school year when developing an individualized education program for a student who has received services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and reaches the age of three years during a regular school year. Services provided shall be only those permissible according to Section 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

8. **(1) A student whose age makes the student eligible for kindergarten or grade one may continue eligibility as a young child with a developmental delay if the student was identified as a young child with a developmental delay before attaining eligibility for kindergarten.**

(2) The category of young child with a developmental delay shall not be used to determine continuing eligibility for special educational services for a student who is seven years of age before August first of a given school year, but eligibility for special educational services may be determined for such students through any other disability category.

9. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Steinhoff, **House Amendment No. 13** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Allen, **HCS SS SCS SB 68, as amended**, was adopted.

On motion of Representative Allen, **HCS SS SCS SB 68, as amended**, was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

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Douglas	Ealy	Falkner	Farnan	Fogle
Fountain Henderson	Fowler	Gallick	Gragg	Griffith
Haden	Haley	Harbison	Hausman	Hein
Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis	Hruza	Hurlbert
Ingle	Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison	Johnson
Jones 12	Justus	Kalberloh	Kelley	Kimble
Knight	Laubinger	Lewis	Loy	Lucas
Mackey	Mansur	Martin	Mayhew	McGaugh
McGill	Meirath	Miller	Mosley	Murphy
Murray	Myers	Nolte	Oehlerking	Overcast
Owen	Parker	Perkins	Peters	Phelps
Plank	Pollitt	Pouche	Price	Proudie
Reedy	Reuter	Riley	Roberts	Rush
Sassmann	Schmidt	Schulte	Sharpe 4	Shields
Simmons	Smith 46	Smith 74	Steinhoff	Steinmetz

Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler	Taylor 48	Taylor 84
Terry	Thompson	Titus	Van Schoiack	Veit
Verneti	Violet	Voss	Waller	Walsh Moore
Warwick	Weber	Wellenkamp	Whaley	Williams
Wilson	Woods	Young	Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker

NOES: 015

Busick	Chappell	Christensen	Cupps	Davidson
Davis	Durnell	Elliott	Jones 88	Jordan
Matthiesen	Seitz	Self	Sparks	Wolfen

PRESENT: 003

Burton	Fuchs	Thomas
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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 014

Amato	Appelbaum	Costlow	Deaton	Hales
Hardwick	Jobe	Keathley	Reed	Riggs
Sharp 37	Smith 68	West	Wright	

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Patterson declared the bill passed.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

The Speaker appointed the following Conference Committees to act with like committees from the Senate on the following bills:

HCS SS SCS SBs 81 & 174, as amended: Representatives Taylor (48), Christ, Amato, Sharp (37) and Crossley

SS SB 28, as amended: Representatives Brown (149), Justus, Baker, Clemens and Kimble

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HCS HB 236, relating to civil liability for publishing or distributing material harmful to minors on the internet, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

HB 205, relating to the firefighters' retirement systems for certain cities, was taken up by Representative Hinman.

On motion of Representative Hinman, **HB 205** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 134

Allen	Aune	Baker	Banderman	Barnes
Billington	Black	Boggs	Boykin	Boyko
Bromley	Brown 149	Brown 16	Burton	Bush
Busick	Butz	Byrnes	Casteel	Caton
Chappell	Christ	Clemens	Coleman	Cook

Costlow	Crossley	Cupps	Davidson	Dean
Deaton	Diehl	Dolan	Doll	Douglas
Ealy	Falkner	Farnan	Fogle	Fowler
Gallick	Gragg	Griffith	Haden	Hales
Haley	Harbison	Hardwick	Hausman	Hein
Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis	Hruza	Hurlbert
Ingle	Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison	Jones 12
Jones 88	Justus	Kalberloh	Keathley	Kelley
Kimble	Knight	Laubinger	Lewis	Loy
Lucas	Mackey	Mansur	Martin	Matthiesen
Mayhew	McGaugh	McGill	Meirath	Miller
Mosley	Murphy	Murray	Myers	Nolte
Oehlerking	Overcast	Owen	Parker	Perkins
Peters	Phelps	Plank	Pollitt	Pouche
Price	Proudie	Reedy	Reuter	Riley
Roberts	Rush	Sassmann	Schmidt	Schulte
Seitz	Self	Sharpe 4	Shields	Smith 74
Steinhoff	Steinmetz	Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler
Taylor 48	Taylor 84	Terry	Thompson	Van Schoiack
Veit	Vernetti	Violet	Voss	Waller
Walsh Moore	Warwick	Weber	Wellenkamp	Williams
Wilson	Woods	Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker	

NOES: 012

Bosley	Christensen	Collins	Davis	Durnell
Elliott	Jordan	Simmons	Sparks	Titus
Whaley	Wolfen			

PRESENT: 007

Anderson	Fountain Henderson	Fuchs	Johnson	Smith 46
Thomas	Young			

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 009

Amato	Appelbaum	Jobe	Reed	Riggs
Sharp 37	Smith 68	West	Wright	

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Patterson declared the bill passed.

HB 837, relating to state funds for regional planning commissions, was taken up by Representative Farnan.

On motion of Representative Farnan, **HB 837** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 120

Allen	Anderson	Aune	Barnes	Black
Bosley	Boykin	Boyko	Bromley	Brown 149
Brown 16	Burton	Bush	Busick	Butz
Caton	Christ	Clemens	Collins	Cook
Costlow	Crossley	Dean	Diehl	Dolan

Doll	Douglas	Ealy	Elliott	Falkner
Farnan	Fogle	Fountain Henderson	Fowler	Fuchs
Gallick	Gragg	Griffith	Haden	Hales
Haley	Harbison	Hardwick	Hein	Hewkin
Hinman	Hovis	Hruza	Ingle	Irwin
Jacobs	Jamison	Johnson	Jones 12	Jordan
Justus	Kalberloh	Kimble	Knight	Laubinger
Lewis	Lucas	Mackey	Mansur	Martin
Mayhew	McGaugh	McGill	Meirath	Miller
Mosley	Murray	Myers	Nolte	Oehlerking
Owen	Parker	Perkins	Peters	Phelps
Plank	Pollitt	Pouche	Price	Proudie
Reedy	Reuter	Riley	Roberts	Rush
Sassmann	Sharpe 4	Shields	Smith 46	Smith 74
Steinhoff	Steinmetz	Steinmeyer	Stinnett	Strickler
Taylor 84	Terry	Thomas	Thompson	Van Schoiack
Veit	Verneti	Voss	Waller	Walsh Moore
Warwick	Weber	Wellenkamp	Williams	Wilson
Wolfen	Woods	Young	Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker

NOES: 030

Baker	Billington	Boggs	Casteel	Chappell
Christensen	Coleman	Cupps	Davidson	Davis
Deaton	Durnell	Hausman	Hurlbert	Jones 88
Keathley	Kelley	Loy	Matthiesen	Murphy
Overcast	Schmidt	Schulte	Self	Simmons
Sparks	Taylor 48	Titus	Violet	Whaley

PRESENT: 001

Banderman

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 011

Amato	Appelbaum	Byrnes	Jobe	Reed
Riggs	Seitz	Sharp 37	Smith 68	West
Wright				

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Patterson declared the bill passed.

HCS HB 606, relating to higher education, was taken up by Representative Haley.

On motion of Representative Haley, **HCS HB 606** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 115

Allen	Anderson	Aune	Barnes	Black
Bosley	Boykin	Boyko	Brown 149	Brown 16
Burton	Butz	Caton	Chappell	Christ
Clemens	Collins	Cook	Costlow	Crossley
Cupps	Dean	Diehl	Dolan	Doll

Douglas	Ealy	Falkner	Fogle	Fountain Henderson
Fowler	Fuchs	Gallick	Gragg	Griffith
Haden	Hales	Haley	Harbison	Hardwick
Hein	Hewkin	Hinman	Hovis	Hruza
Hurlbert	Ingle	Irwin	Jacobs	Jamison
Johnson	Justus	Kalberloh	Kelley	Kimble
Knight	Lewis	Lucas	Mackey	Mansur
Martin	McGaugh	McGill	Meirath	Mosley
Murray	Myers	Nolte	Oehlerking	Owen
Parker	Perkins	Peters	Phelps	Plank
Pouche	Price	Proudie	Reedy	Reuter
Riley	Roberts	Rush	Sassmann	Schulte
Sharpe 4	Shields	Simmons	Smith 46	Smith 74
Steinhoff	Steinmetz	Stinnett	Strickler	Taylor 48
Taylor 84	Terry	Thomas	Thompson	Van Schoiack
Veit	Vernetti	Violet	Voss	Waller
Walsh Moore	Warwick	Weber	Wellenkamp	Williams
Wilson	Woods	Young	Zimmermann	Mr. Speaker

NOES: 037

Baker	Banderman	Billington	Boggs	Bromley
Bush	Busick	Byrnes	Casteel	Christensen
Coleman	Davidson	Davis	Deaton	Durnell
Elliott	Farnan	Hausman	Jones 12	Jones 88
Jordan	Keathley	Laubinger	Loy	Matthiesen
Mayhew	Miller	Murphy	Overcast	Pollitt
Schmidt	Self	Sparks	Steinmeyer	Titus
Whaley	Wolfen			

PRESENT: 000

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 010

Amato	Appelbaum	Jobe	Reed	Riggs
Seitz	Sharp 37	Smith 68	West	Wright

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Patterson declared the bill passed.

PERFECTION OF HOUSE BILLS - INFORMAL

HB 1200, HB 1193, HB 74, HCS HB 716, HB 366, HCS HB 839 and HCS HB 315 were placed back on the House Bills for Perfection Calendar.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were referred to the Committee indicated:

HCS HBs 433 & 630 - Fiscal Review

HB 627 - Fiscal Review

HCS HBs 862, 314 & 389 - Fiscal Review

REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The following Senate Bill was referred to the Committee indicated:

SS SCS SB 133 - Utilities

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources, Chairman Farnan reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources, to which was referred **SS SCS SB 82**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Ealy, Farnan, Justus, Lucas, Miller, Sassmann, Shields, Taylor (48) and Walsh Moore

Noes (0)

Absent (5): Boggs, Burton, Jordan, Steinmetz and Wellenkamp

Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions, Chairman Mayhew reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions, to which was referred **HB 1349**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Brown (16), Cook, Davis, Falkner, Kalberloh, Lucas, Mayhew, Sassmann and Veit

Noes (0)

Present (4): Bush, Collins, Fountain Henderson and Terry

Absent (1): Elliott

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions, to which was referred **SS SB 50**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (13): Brown (16), Bush, Collins, Cook, Davis, Falkner, Fountain Henderson, Kalberloh, Lucas, Mayhew, Sassmann, Terry and Veit

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Elliott

Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, Chairman Lewis reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which was referred **HB 1146**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (20): Banderman, Boykin, Boyko, Byrnes, Gragg, Hewkin, Hurlbert, Jacobs, Kelley, Laubinger, Lewis, Loy, Martin, Meirath, Overcast, Pollitt, Schmidt, Smith (68), Steinhoff and Steinmetz

Noes (1): Mackey

Absent (2): Baker and Williams

Committee on Local Government, Chairman Hinman reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred **HB 144**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (14): Amato, Barnes, Diehl, Falkner, Hales, Hinman, McGaugh, Reedy, Smith (74), Steinmeyer, Violet, Voss, Walsh Moore and Wellenkamp

Noes (1): Wolfin

Absent (2): Sharp (37) and West

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred **HB 443**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Diehl, Falkner, Hinman, McGaugh, Reedy, Steinmeyer, Violet and Voss

Noes (6): Amato, Barnes, Hales, Walsh Moore, Wellenkamp and Wolfin

Absent (3): Sharp (37), Smith (74) and West

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred **HB 1572**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (13): Amato, Barnes, Diehl, Falkner, Hales, Hinman, McGaugh, Reedy, Steinmeyer, Violet, Voss, Walsh Moore and Wellenkamp

Noes (1): Wolfin

Absent (3): Sharp (37), Smith (74) and West

Committee on Pensions, Chairman Waller reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Pensions, to which was referred **HB 1526**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (15): Allen, Bromley, Clemens, Haley, Hovis, Jacobs, Kelley, McGirl, Owen, Reedy, Reuter, Steinhoff, Steinmetz, Van Schoiack and Waller

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Smith (68)

Committee on Veterans and Armed Forces, Chairman Griffith reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans and Armed Forces, to which was referred **HB 948**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute** by the following vote:

Ayes (18): Barnes, Billington, Boykin, Bromley, Fountain Henderson, Fowler, Griffith, Harbison, Irwin, Jamison, Johnson, Jones (12), Lucas, Mansur, Miller, Roberts, Schulte and Seitz

Noes (1): Wolfin

Absent (4): Hardwick, Jobe, Pouche and Violet

*The following ex officio member was present: Anderson

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans and Armed Forces, to which was referred **SS SJR 46**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (18): Barnes, Billington, Boykin, Bromley, Fountain Henderson, Fowler, Griffith, Harbison, Irwin, Jamison, Johnson, Jones (12), Lucas, Mansur, Miller, Roberts, Schulte and Seitz

Noes (1): Wolfin

Absent (4): Hardwick, Jobe, Pouche and Violet

*The following ex officio member was present: Anderson

Committee on Rules - Administrative, Chairman Shields reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HB 374**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Oehlerking and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HB 728**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Oehlerking and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HBs 954 & 1447**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

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Ayes (9): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Oehlerking, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HB 996**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Oehlerking, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HB 1414**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Christ, Griffith, Oehlerking, Perkins, Shields, Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (2): Mackey and Smith (46)

Absent (1): Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS HBs 1531 & 931**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Oehlerking, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **SCS SB 3**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Oehlerking and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **SS SCS SBs 49 & 118**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Christ, Griffith, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (1): Mackey

Absent (2): Oehlerking and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative, to which was referred **HCS SS SB 66**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Christ, Griffith, Mackey, Perkins, Shields, Smith (46), Stinnett and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Oehlerking and Proudie

Committee on Rules - Legislative, Chairman Cupps reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HB 136**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HCS HB 149**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (5): Billington, Boggs, Cupps, Pollitt and West

Noes (3): Bosley, Dean and Ingle

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HCS HBs 511 & 1335**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HB 601**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (5): Billington, Boggs, Cupps, Pollitt and West

Noes (3): Bosley, Dean and Ingle

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HB 605**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (6): Billington, Boggs, Cupps, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Present (2): Bosley and Dean

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HB 631**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (6): Billington, Boggs, Cupps, Dean, Pollitt and West

Noes (2): Bosley and Ingle

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HB 650**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HCS HBs 984, 1023 & 1561**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HCS HBs 1012 & 1376**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HB 1168**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (1): Cupps

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HB 1257**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **SS SCR 3**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HCS SS SB 38**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (5): Billington, Boggs, Cupps, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Present (3): Bosley, Dean and Ingle

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **SS SB 59**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HCS SS SCS SB 71**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **SS SCS SB 98**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative, to which was referred **HCS SB 156**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Billington, Boggs, Bosley, Cupps, Dean, Ingle, Pollitt and West

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Baker and Pouche

REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The following Senate Bill was referred to the Committee indicated:

SS SCS SB 98 - Fiscal Review

REFERRAL OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS - RULES

The following Senate Joint Resolution was referred to the Committee indicated:

SS SJR 46 - Rules - Legislative

REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS - RULES

The following Senate Bill was referred to the Committee indicated:

HCS SS SCS SB 82 - Rules - Administrative

SENATE CONSENT BILLS

Pursuant to Rule 48, the following bill has remained on the Senate Consent Calendar for Third Reading for five legislative days without any objection, and all committee amendments and committee substitutes are hereby adopted by consent: **SB 396**.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has taken up and passed **SS SCS SJR 40** entitled:

Joint resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article VII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to sheriffs.

In which the concurrence of the House is respectfully requested.

Read the first time.

The following member's presence was noted: Riggs.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Riley, the House adjourned until 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2025.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 9:30 AM, House Hearing Room 7.
Executive session will be held: HB 422, HB 1537

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 6.
Public hearing will be held: HCR 4
Executive session will be held: HB 1072, HB 1417

FISCAL REVIEW

Monday, April 28, 2025, 2:30 PM, House Hearing Room 4.
Executive session will be held: HB 627, HCS HBs 862, 314 & 389, HCS HBs 433 & 630
Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

FISCAL REVIEW

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 9:00 AM, House Hearing Room 4.
Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.
Pending referrals.

FISCAL REVIEW

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 9:00 AM, House Hearing Room 4.
Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.
Pending referrals.

FISCAL REVIEW

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 9:00 AM, House Hearing Room 4.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Pending referrals.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 12:00 PM or upon morning recess (whichever is later),
House Hearing Room 7.

Public hearing will be held: HB 664

Executive session will be held: SS#2 SCS SB 10

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Monday, April 28, 2025, 10:00 AM, House Hearing Room 7.

Presentation by Rachel Winograd, Associate Professor at the University of Missouri/St. Louis
and Representative John Black on the findings and recommendations of the Substance Abuse
Prevention & Treatment Taskforce.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 9:00 AM, Joint Hearing Room (117).

Review draft roles and responsibilities of Joint Committee on Education and job description
of committee's Executive Director. Executive session may follow.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Monday, April 28, 2025, 2:30 PM, House Hearing Room 3.

Executive session will be held: SS SCS SB 80

HOUSE CALENDAR

SIXTIETH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR PERFECTION - INFORMAL

HCS HJR 67, as amended, with HA 2, pending - McGaugh

HCS#2 HJR 54 - Stinnett

HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

HB 107 - Verneti

HCS HB 941 - Lewis

HCS HB 83 - Veit

HCS HB 368 - Banderaman

HCS HB 50 - Haley

HB 858 - Pouche

HCS#2 HBs 440 & 1160 - Haden

HCS HBs 1263 & 1124 - Nolte

HB 714 - Griffith

HB 501 - Christ

HB 743 - Baker

HCS HB 40 - Billington
HB 1200 - Reuter
HB 1193 - West
HB 74 - Taylor (48)
HCS HB 716 - Falkner
HB 366 - Pollitt
HCS HB 839 - Schulte
HCS HB 315 - Cook
HCS HBs 93 & 1139 - Voss
HCS HB 996 - Black

HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION - INFORMAL

HCS HBs 610 & 900 - Wilson
HB 766 - Stinnett
HB 830 - Cook
HCS HB 534 - Diehl
HCS HB 31 - Davidson
HB 182 - Parker
HB 168 - Brown (149)
HB 957 - Anderson
HCS HB 411 - Williams
HB 284 - Proudie
HCS HB 531 - Hausman
HB 116 - Murphy
HCS HBs 222 & 580 - Schulte
HB 457 - Taylor (48)
HCS HB 593 - Perkins
HB 431 - Caton
HCS HB 806 - Taylor (48)
HB 783 - Keathley
HB 671 - Harbison
HB 398 - Peters
HB 833 - Farnan
HCS HB 712 - Pollitt
HCS HB 708 - Oehlerking
HCS HB 436 - Hardwick
HB 475 - Pollitt
HCS HB 477 - Oehlerking
HB 657 - Owen
HB 723 - Peters
HB 784 - Peters
HCS HB 1063 - Sassmann
HB 271 - Kalberloh
HCS HB 829 - West
HCS HB 976 - Hovis

HCS HB 1216 - Dolan
HB 845 - Stinnett
HCS HB 1316 - Billington
HB 245 - Sharpe (4)
HCS HB 916, as amended - Perkins

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

HCS HCRs 15 & 9 - Christensen

HOUSE BILLS FOR THIRD READING

HCS HBs 862, 314 & 389, (Fiscal Review 4/24/25) - Hovis
HCS HBs 433 & 630, (Fiscal Review 4/24/25) - Hardwick
HB 362 - Williams
HB 627, (Fiscal Review 4/24/25) - Mayhew

HOUSE BILLS FOR THIRD READING - INFORMAL

HCS HB 119, (Fiscal Review 4/10/25) - Murphy
HB 349 - Reuter
HCS HB 236, E.C. - Gallick

HOUSE BILLS FOR THIRD READING - CONSENT

HCS HBs 1017 & 291 - Brown (16)
HB 241 - Sharpe (4)
HB 928 - Taylor (48)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

SS SCS SJR 40

SENATE BILLS FOR THIRD READING - CONSENT

SB 396 - Banderaman

SENATE BILLS FOR THIRD READING

HCS SS SB 67 - McGirl
SS SCS SB 98, (Fiscal Review 4/24/25) - Oehlerking

SENATE BILLS FOR THIRD READING - INFORMAL

HCS SS SB 7, (Fiscal Review 4/17/25) - Christ
HCS SS SB 150, (Fiscal Review 4/17/25) - Kelley

HOUSE BILLS WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS

SS#2 HCS HBs 594 & 508, (Fiscal Review 4/7/25) - Perkins

BILLS CARRYING REQUEST MESSAGES

SS HCS HBs 595 & 343, as amended (request Senate recede/grant conference) - Brown (16)

BILLS IN CONFERENCE

SS SB 28, with HA 1, HA 2, HA 1 HA 3, HA 3, as amended, and HA 4 - Brown (149)

HCS SS SCS SBs 81 & 174, as amended, E.C. - Taylor (48)

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

SS SCS HCS HB 2002 - Deaton
SS SCS HCS HB 2003 - Deaton
SS SCS HCS HB 2004 - Deaton
SS SCS HCS HB 2005 - Deaton
SS SCS HCS HB 2006 - Deaton
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