



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

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Dear Honorable Members of the Committee, My name is Terry Robinson, and I have been an educator in Missouri schools and group homes since 1995. I am also a five-year veteran of the US Army, and I served in the first Gulf War in 1991 as a military policeman. I graduated from a Missouri Public School in St. James, Missouri 1988. Following my service to my county from 1988 to 1993, I completed a bachelor's and master's degree at Missouri State University and later earned a doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in Education Leadership and Policy Analysis in 2005. I am a strong advocate for Missouri Public Schools and their positive impact. I am one of many Missourians who have benefitted from the investment into Missouri public schools. In my time as an educator, I have served in Bolivar, Missouri, as a teacher for nine years; in Springfield, Missouri, as an assistant principal for two years; in Miller, Missouri, as a grades 7-12 principal for two years, in Mexico, Missouri as a 9-12 principal for seven years and currently, I have served as the Superintendent of Tipton R-VI School District since 2017. As a rural superintendent, I know many districts that struggle to staff bus drivers and food service personnel, so they have turned to contracted services. Recently, custodial services have become more difficult to fill in my district, and we have been forced to use a contracted service for our night custodial workers. This bill would allow us to offer the companies with which the district has contracted the opportunity to enroll their employee's children in our district and count these students for the purposes of state reimbursement. This is essentially the same allowance under the current law, which allows teachers and regular school employees of the district to bring their children to our school even if they live outside our district. We currently use contracted services for transportation, food service, and custodial services. In my view, allowing these contractors' employees to enroll their children in our district helps our district and the contractors in staffing; it is an incentive in many cases, just as it is with hiring teachers and other direct employees of the district. Also, our contractors typically hire personnel in the nearby or adjacent districts, and these employees benefit and are more likely to work for a contractor serving us if their children can be in the same district where the parent works. It creates a hardship for a parent to leave their child behind in another district, often on a different school calendar, and then commute to our district for work. This seems like a reasonable school choice issue since teachers and other employees are already allowed to enroll their children even if they are not residents of our district. This bill would address a problem that could be significant for many small districts. Desirable small school districts could see a small rise in their enrollment, but moreover, families would be allowed some choice and a smoothing out of their lives if they could fill hard-to-find jobs and better support their families. I hope this committee will accept this bill because it allows well-run districts to bring in employees for contracted services they need and gives families the opportunity to enroll in districts that better support their families by maintaining closer proximity to their children and their jobs. I apologize for not attending in person. Although I had planned to do so, I had two unavoidable work conflicts that required my attention, and I could not

attend. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, I'm glad to respond. Respectfully  
submitted, Dr. Terry Robinson Superintendent Tipton R-VI School District



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