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I am in favor of this bill as it supports the many dedicated educators who provided service and care to students and families.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNA R. OFFUTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I want to support st. Louis retired teachers who will need a sound retirement as they age.



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WITNESS NAME: ANTIONETTE COUSINS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-345-2410	
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WITNESS NAME: AURELIA HARTENBERGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: BERT KIMBLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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See previous written testimony in support of HB 1504.



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WITNESS NAME: BETTIE DOWNS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: bjdowns57@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/2/2025 7:59 PM
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WITNESS NAME: BETTY BEAL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am an 80 year old retired PSRS teacher, and I rely on my retirement check. I can say that the St. Louise teachers have been so neglected that it is a hardship to rely on their retirement check. I urge you to right this wrong and vote yes on this bill!



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I strongly support HB404 because it is very important to the financial security of the retired personnel of PSRSSTL. As a retired public educator, I understand the need to make sure fellow educators are adequately compensated in retirement for their years of service. It has been over 10 years since PSRSSTL has given retirees a COLA. Without COLAs, these retirees face economic challenges to maintaining their quality of life. I respectfully ask for your continued support as HB404 moves forward in the legislature.



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WITNESS NAME: BYRON CLEMENS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-497-1509	
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My name is Byron Clemens the Retiree Chapter Chair for City Educators and former Trustee of PSRSSTL. First thank the chair and members of the committee for the service. Especially the sponsor. HB 404 fixes a glitch created by a previous appointed school board which set the fund in a direction to appear on the watch list as well as preventing the PSRSSTL from granting a COLA. Kansas City had similar issues and the legislature passed a fix. Similarly adjusting the contribution amounts while including actuarial input will help fix the previous glitch and help restore the system to a more stable position. The current legislation, as written, has the support of stakeholders and can help stabilize the fund so that a COLA may once again be granted for seniors who have been frozen for years. Thank you for your consideration.



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With the challenges faced by the educators and classified staff in the city of St. Louis, these personnel deserve the same financial support as those employed in the rest of the state. I urge you to treat them as fairly as the thousands in the state who receive a reasonable COLA.



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I strongly encourage you to support HB404. Educators who have served our students and communities should not be worried about living a safe and healthy life in retirement.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHY GLUECK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: CHARLES MURRELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: candb1967@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/2/2025 8:58 PM
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No wonder there are no qualified teachers!			



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL FYE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please support & pass this bill to help increase valued past STL teachers' retirement rates.



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EMAIL: csander@prodigy.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/3/2025 12:16 PM
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WITNESS NAME: CLARK HARRIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Good Morning... a rainy day in the Ozarks this morning...so, it's time to speak up for my fellow educator retirees in the St. Louis retirement system... The facts are clear that the system has been unfair to those retirees... why that is , I have no idea and probably would be shocked to know, so I'll remain ignorant and thus...I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1504 (Hovis) and HB 404 (Clemens), bills that are vital to the financial security of the retirees in the Public School Retirement System of St. Louis (PSRSSTL). As someone who cares deeply about the well-being of retired educators, I believe these bills are a necessary step in ensuring that those who dedicated their careers to shaping the future of our community are not left behind.For over a decade, retirees in the PSRSSTL have not received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) despite the rising costs of living and inflation. These educators, who dedicated their lives to our children and community, are now facing economic challenges that make it harder for them to maintain their quality of life. HB 1504 and HB 404 are solutions that can help provide long-overdue financial stability for the system and a better future for these retirees.HB 1504 and HB 404 would increase the employer contribution rate to the system. This increase would help ensure the long-term viability of the PSRSSTL, and more importantly, it would provide the foundation for future COLAs, which are critical for the retirees' economic well-being.As someone who values the hard work of our educators, I urge the committee to support these bills. It is time that we prioritize those who have already given so much to our children and our community. Passing these bills will offer retirees the relief they desperately need and deserve.Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I respectfully ask that you support HB 1504 and HB 404 as they move forward in the legislative process.



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WITNESS NAME: COOK VIRGILENE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Teachers in Missouri are paid somewhere in the 40th position and cannot retain good teachers. I know because some of my best students have left the teaching positions in this state. In St. Louis, the job is much harder than the school I taught in Raytown, MO before a large number of unprepared students of color and some without English as a 1st language slowly entered the school. The job became remedial information for part of the students and grade level for those who had been in the Raytown schools all their school years. I have heard stories from St. Louis teachers about the difficulties they face day after day, yet they are not afforded the same retirement I am. That is unfair and unjust, but you have the power to correct it. It is your moral obligation to do so.



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I strongly support HB 1504 (Hovis) and HB 404 (Clemens), bills that are vital to the financial security of the retirees in the Public School Retirement System of St. Louis (PSRSSTL). As someone who cares deeply about the well-being of retired educators, I believe these bills are a necessary step in ensuring that those who dedicated their careers to shaping the future of our community are not left behind. For over a decade, retirees in the PSRSSTL have not received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) despite the rising costs of living and inflation. These educators, who dedicated their lives to our children and community, are now facing economic challenges that make it harder for them to maintain their quality of life. HB 1504 and HB 404 are solutions that can help provide long-overdue financial stability for the system and a better future for these retirees. HB 1504 and HB 404 would increase the employer contribution rate to the system. This increase would help ensure the long-term viability of the PSRSSTL, and more importantly, it would provide the foundation for future COLAs, which are critical for the retirees' economic well-being. As someone who values the hard work of our educators, I urge the committee to support these bills. It is time that we prioritize those who have already given so much to our children and our community. Passing these bills will offer retirees the relief they desperately need and deserve. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I respectfully ask that you support HB 1504 and HB 404 as they move forward in the legislative process.



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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 404 (Clemens), a bill that is vital to the financial security of the retirees in the Public School Retirement System of St. Louis (PSRSSTL). As someone who cares deeply about the well-being of retired educators (I'm one myself) I believe these bills are a necessary step in ensuring that those who dedicated their careers to shaping the future of our community are not left behind. For over a decade, retirees in the PSRSSTL have not received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) despite the rising costs of living and inflation. These educators, who dedicated their lives to our children and community, are now facing economic challenges that make it harder for them to maintain their quality of life. HB 404 is part of a solution that can help provide long-overdue financial stability for the system and a better future for these retirees. HB 404 would increase the employer contribution rate to the system. This increase would help ensure the long-term viability of the PSRSSTL, and more importantly, it would provide the foundation for future COLAs, which are critical for the retirees' economic well-being. As someone who values the hard work of our educators, I urge the committee to support this bill. It is time that we prioritize those who have already given so much to our children and our community. Passing this bill will offer retirees the relief they desperately need and deserve. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I respectfully ask that you support HB 404 as it moves forward in the legislative process.



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I want to support HB404 and you should too the retirees economic needs are important.



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I am writing in support of this bill to secure monetary support for retirees of the St Louis School system.



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Why It MattersThe retirees of the Public School Retirement System of St. Louis (PSRSSTL) have not received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) since 2006. As inflation rises and essential expenses increase, these dedicated former educators, who spent their careers shaping the future of our communities, deserve financial security and peace of mind in retirement. After nearly two decades without an adjustment, immediate action is necessary to ensure they can maintain a dignified and stable retirement.

Our SolutionThe Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) strongly supports HB 1504 (Hovis) and HB 404 (Clemens) these bills would increase the employer contribution rate to PSRSSTL, ensuring essential financial stability for the system. Under current law, the contribution rate decreases 0.5% every year until 2032 when the rate will reach 9% in 2032. Without legislative intervention, this gradual reduction could further strain the system's ability to provide for retired educators. HB 1504 and HB 404 increase the employer contribution rate starting in 2025 from 9% to 14% of the total compensation of all districts employed by St. Louis Public Schools.

How you can Help - Urgent Action NeededThese bills will be heard tomorrow morning in the House Pensions Committee. However, you can still contribute testimony until the end of the day tomorrow. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard and show your support for the retirees who have given so much to our community. Kathleen Muder MRTA Unit Co President



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WITNESS NAME: KATHRYN LUNSFORD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: kay.lunsford@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/3/2025 10:23 AM
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PSRS STL		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 3641 OLIVE ST			
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I am supporting the cost of living raises for St Louis retired teachers



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WITNESS NAME: MATT DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-345-2410	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS		TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT	
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Educators need a cost of living increase like everyone else! Most have worked their lifetime with below wages anyway because they believed in giving a quality education to Missouri students. Just put yourself in their shoes and think what you would do if you had not had a pay increase in years. Just do the right thing



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I support 404 ((Clemens) . Retirees have worked their lives to try to provide for students. They deserve the pension into which they paid. 404 addresses the reduction in payment occurring in 2018. The pension can be strong again and provide colas for retirees. I encourage support of 404(Clemens).



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REPRESENTING: AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS MISSOURI		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 722			
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I'm retiree of the St Louis Public Schools. Unfortunately,I have never been able to receive Cost of Living raises from my pension since 2002. Now without funding to the pension, I will not be able to receive the small amount I currently get.Please pass this bill so I will have some quality life in the future. Thank you,Rosalynde Scott



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SLPS teacher's retirement does not compare to other retirement systems. Please provide more funding!



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I support HB 404			



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN ILENE WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The retirees of the Public School Retirement System of St. Louis (PSRSSTL) have not received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) since 2006. As inflation rises and essential expenses increase, these dedicated former educators, who spent their careers shaping the future of our communities, deserve financial security and peace of mind in retirement. After nearly two decades without an adjustment, immediate action is necessary to ensure they can maintain a dignified and stable retirement.



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EMAIL: velma.bailey113@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/3/2025 9:50 AM
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Dear Honorable Members of the MO House Pensions Committee, Thank you, Representative Clemens and members of the Pension Committee, for taking up HB 404, which, when duly passed, will modify the employer contribution rate for the public school retirement system of the City of St. Louis Public School Retirement System (PSRSSTL). I am writing to express my strong support for Missouri House Bill 404. This crucial piece of legislation aimed at providing much-needed financial relief and stability for the retirees of the Public-School Retirement System of St. Louis (PSRSSTL) who have lived without an incremental benefit increase for almost 20 years. When I graduated from St. Louis University, I sought employment as a teacher with the same educational system that had empowered me to do well and live a good, wholesome life. I worked hard and earned additional certifications and degrees throughout my tenure as did hundreds of my fellow retirees. For nearly two decades, the members of our retirement system, PSRSSTL, have not received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). I spent 26 years of my life as a dedicated educator. Can you imagine that our retirement system has not provided our members with incremental increases for about the same amount of time I spent working in our school district? With inflation steadily rising, our retirement funds remain stagnant. Not only are we not receiving an increase to keep up with inflation, but we are really losing money because as our buying power is unable to keep up with the increased costs, rising taxes and medical costs take huge chunks out of retirement monthly payments which further decreases our ability to buy quality food, fruits and vegetables, live in decent housing, buy gasoline, enjoy social outings like movies and the symphony, etc. Many of us are one emergency away from financial disaster, poor health, and being a burden on our families or the governmental systems in place to help those who are indigent. I request that the members of this committee support giving sanctity and dignity to the members of PSRSSTL. Voting for this bill with a "do pass" recommendation will ensure that retirees will receive the benefits they earned and keep up with the rising costs associated with living. Without legislative intervention, the current law that gradually reduces the employer contribution rate will further strain the system, putting the financial security of thousands of retirees at risk. I strongly urge you to support HB 404, as it will help safeguard the financial future of Missouri's retirees in the PSRSSTL system and provide us with the stability to live a happy, healthy life. It is vital that the members of this committee act now to prevent further financial strain on our retirees, so many of whom have already been without a COLA adjustment for twenty long years. Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to ensuring a stable and secure future for our retirees and hope you will support HB 404 with your vote and a "do pass" recommendation. Sincerely, Velma Bailey Proud Member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association – 30,000 Members across the State of MO and GROWING!



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I am Opposed to this Bill, because this Bill is Not ready for House Floor Debate. There needs to be Discussion, asking questions and finding out facts before making these drastic Pension Financial Changes that will have an effect on employees.



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