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I am in Support of this Bill. I am NOT in favor of holding the minium Salary of Missouri Teachers.



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This bill by Rep Pollitt has two items that I am in favor of, though one item that I am against, which means I have to be against the bill as written. The change proposed for the "Grade-level equivalence" for DESE for measuring student performance as it matches to their grade level, this is a useful change that would help further determine how students are doing compared to their grade-level work. The other useful change for moving the retired teacher substitute allowance ending this year to the end of 2030, that helps with the substitute teacher shortage with still allowing retired teachers to work in that capacity. The part of this bill that I have an issue with is the removal of the annual increases in minimum teacher salary based on inflation. The work needed to get minimum teacher salary increased up to the amounts allowed in SB727 was a good step forward, though leaving that minimum to slowly worsen in value due to no increases to match inflation would be a disservice to the teachers that would benefit from the salary increases in SB727. Remove this portion of HB712, and I would be for the two beneficial items in there. Have it still remain in the bill, then I must be against it for the issues with teacher salary loss of value that would occur from it still being present.



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This bill is attempting to remove the baseline for teacher salary. Teachers need to have the assurances of being able to pay their living expenses not have them jeopardized by remove inflation considerations.



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Open Enrollment is a terrible idea that would harm the most vulnerable students and school districts and enrich the most resourced school districts and privately run school districts - namely charter schools. As the parent of three children in Saint Louis Public Schools, all of whom attended a Title 1 Elementary School and one of whom has a 504 plan, I know first hand how many students are marginalized and vulnerable in SLPS and Missouri. In a time when federal support for our most marginalized students is in peril - the future of Title 1 and 504, administered through the Department of Education in danger - we must shore up our funding and support for publicly governed public schools. Reject Open Enrollment and any other means of weakening publicly governed public schools.



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