

HB 1783 -- PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

SPONSOR: Voss

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 11-0.

This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to contract with a designated Missouri affiliate of a national public health association or institute, or a similar or successor entity, in order to assist in carrying out its duties to promote the health and well-being of Missouri residents. Such contracts can include efforts to assist in the delivery of health services throughout the State and the administration of grant funds and related programs. The Department and the designated affiliate must provide a report to the General Assembly, as specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 973 (2025).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the state is often forced to leave resources and funding from the federal government on the table relating to public health, and this bill would allow for needed flexibility where current capacity does not deliver.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Voss; Missouri Public Health Association; Arnie C. Dienoff; Reach Healthcare Foundation; and Missouri Public Health Institute.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.