HCS SCS SB 769 -- FISCAL AND OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Mayer (Wright, 159)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 15 to 0.

This substitute allows the Puxico R-VIII, Valley R-VI, Bismarck R-V, and Caruthersville R-XVIII school districts to make a one-time additional transfer from the incidental fund to the capital projects fund in an amount not to exceed 40% of the district's June 30, 2006, incidental fund. The transfer must occur by July 1, 2007.

Any school district affected by the April 2006 tornadoes may be exempted from making up its lost school time according to a sliding scale specified in the substitute and is allowed to use the summer school food service standards while running double sessions.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Puxico, Valley, Bismarck, and Caruthersville school districts all face individual hardships with their physical plants, in completing buildings, or repairing weather-damaged buildings. The funds available for transfer are not funds that were accumulated by paying low teacher salaries.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Mayer; and Missouri State Teachers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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