HCS HB 1140 -- MISSOURI ACCOUNTABILITY PORTAL

SPONSOR: McNary (Smith, 150)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 13 to 0.

This substitute requires the Office of Administration to maintain public school and county government accountability information on the Missouri Accountability Portal. School districts and public charter schools must annually collect and submit detailed employee compensation data and the district's annual operating budget and bonded indebtedness to the Office of Administration for inclusion.

Each county governmental entity must collect and annually transmit to the Office of Administration for inclusion on the portal detailed compensation information for all elected county officials, a copy of the detailed financial statement required under Section 50.800, RSMo, and any cash reserves. A county must disclose any expenditures made pursuant to a lease and specify the nature and duration of the lease.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill expands the Missouri Accountability Portal to include school district and county government information which allows for more transparency in government.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Smith (150); and Missouri National Education Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that it needs to clarify or remove the language regarding policy information and the term "local government entities" is too broad. Adding this information to the portal will be relatively easy because of current technology.

Testifying on the bill were Missouri Association of Counties; and RKV Technologies.