

HCS HB 1731 -- GAMING AND LOTTERY MONEYS

SPONSOR: Day

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

This substitute changes the laws regarding the distribution of gaming moneys. At least 30.5% of the money received from the sale of lottery tickets must be appropriated to education, with 27% to general education and 3.5% to early childhood development.

The substitute also increases, from \$3 million to \$5.5 million, the portion of any remaining net proceeds in the Gaming Commission Fund that is to be transferred to the Missouri National Guard Trust Fund and moves the distribution of certain remaining net proceeds in the Gaming Commission Fund from the Early Childhood Development, Education and Care Fund to the Veterans' Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of Unknown expected to exceed \$1,000,000 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that moneys in the Veterans' Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund and the Missouri National Guard Trust Fund are very low and there has to be a dedicated funding source to take care of the veterans homes, cemeteries, honor guards, scholarships, and veterans' service programs. Placing early childhood development funding under the lottery and all gaming boat admissions back into the trust funds, where the money was originally supposed to go, will help the funding problems.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Day; Dewey Riehn, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department; Rich Hiegert, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations and the American Legion, Department of Missouri; Lynn Durrell, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; Larry Kay, Missouri Veterans Commission; and Missouri National Guard Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.