

HB 991 -- STATEWIDE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AUDITS

SPONSOR: Shaul

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 7 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill specifies the power of the State Auditor to audit statewide athletics associations. The first audit must be completed by June 1, 2016 and a minimum of once every five years thereafter. The bill adds an athletics or activities association to the "public governmental body" definition in the Sunshine Law.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Missouri State High School Activities Association is a quasi-governmental agency and should be transparent.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Shaul.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that there are arguments for the association as quasi-governmental agency and private.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Athletics Association.