

HB 1368 -- MISSOURI SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED

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This bill establishes a "Committee on Schools for the Severely Disabled" in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, composed of the following five members:

(1) One member who is an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;

(2) One member from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker;

(3) One member from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem;

(4) One member from the Joint Committee on Education, appointed by the Committee Chair; and

(5) One member who is on the staff of the Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

The bill requires the Committee on Schools for the Severely Disabled to examine the regulations under which the schools for the severely disabled are established, recommend any changes to the regulations that would allow the schools to better serve students, examine federal regulations that affect the operations of the schools, and recommend any changes to the federal regulations.

The committee must meet at least one time within three months of the bill's effective date and must report its findings to the Joint Committee on Education prior to February 1, 2018.

Before January 1, 2019, the committee must report its findings and recommendations, including its recommended changes to federal regulations, to the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

These provisions will expire on January 1, 2019.

This bill is similar to HB 1262 (2015).