

HB 1710 -- SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

SPONSOR: Lair

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 6 to 0.

Currently, a retired teacher from the Kansas City Public School Retirement System can work part-time for a school district during a school year and not forfeit his or her retirement allowance. The retired teacher can work up to 600 hours and earn up to 50% of the annual salary received by the person while they were teaching prior to retirement.

The bill expands this provision to include someone who is employed by a third party or working as an independent contractor as a substitute teacher or other position normally requiring certification. Documentation may be required showing proof of compliance with this provision.

Currently, a retired teacher receiving an allowance from the Missouri Public School Retirement System can work part-time for a school district covered by the retirement system and not forfeit his or her retirement allowance. The retired person can work up to 550 hours and earn up to 50% of the annual salary received by the person while they were teaching prior to retirement.

The bill expands this provision to any individual who is employed by a third party or working as an independent contractor as a substitute teacher or other position normally requiring certification. Documentation may be required showing proof of compliance with this provision.

This bill is the same as HB 1085 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will prevent retired teachers from working more hours than allowed by law because they are working for a contractor providing teaching services. Currently, retired teachers can work more than the 550 hours as a teacher without losing his or her allowance if he or she is employed through a job service. This will close that loop hole.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lair; PSRS/PEERS; Missouri National Education Association; MSTA; MRTA; and Retired NEA.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.