

HB 77 -- PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Black (7)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, any teacher retired from the Public School Retirement System of Missouri may be employed in a position covered under the Public Education Employee Retirement System (PEERS) without stopping their retirement benefit. Such teacher may earn up to 60% of the minimum teacher's salary as set forth in Section 163.172, RSMo, and will not contribute to the retirement system or earn creditable service.

The employer's contribution rate will be paid by the hiring employer. If such person is employed in excess of these limitations, the person will not be eligible to receive their retirement allowance for any month the person is employed and such person shall contribute to the retirement system if he or she is in an eligible position.

This bill excludes from this provision any person retired and currently receiving a retirement allowance in accordance with Sections 169.010 to 169.141 employed by a public community college.

This bill is similar to HB 2335 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will fix a problem with the language that was passed last session. It will add a provision that exempts anyone that retired as a teacher under the public school retirement system who is now employed by a public community college.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Black; Missouri Community College Association; Public School Retirement System/Public Education Employee Retirement System; Missouri National Education Association; and the Missouri Retired Teacher Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.