

SB 264 -- STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

SPONSOR: Crawford

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill transfers the Missouri State Council on the Arts from the Department of Economic Development to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor by type II transfer authorized under the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974.

This bill is the same as HB 612 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is part of a strategic reorganization plan supported by the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor which should help with economic growth and efficiency. Currently, the Office of Lieutenant Governor manages certain programs involving veterans affairs and senior citizens and the Arts Council has activities and opportunities useful to these populations. The transfer is a type II transfer and the Governor retains appointment power.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Crawford; Alex Curchin, Office Of Lieutenant Governor; Missouri Citizens For The Arts; and Missouri Humanities Council.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.