

SB 306 -- EDUCATION FOR SERVICE MEMBER DEPENDENTS

SPONSOR: White (Sommer)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows a member of the military to remotely register their children for school instead of demonstrating physical presence if they have orders relocating them to the state of Missouri.

Additionally, the bill does not require proof of residency for the purpose of registration, but proof of residency is required within 10 days of the student's attendance in the school district (Section 167.020, RSMo).

This bill makes the determination of eligibility for in-state tuition at public institutions of higher education for dependents of military members stationed in Missouri when accepted to enroll at the institution (Section 173.1155).

This bill is similar to HB 810 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill opens up educational opportunities to dependents in the state of Missouri because of the unique challenge that service members face with having to relocate frequently while in the military

Testifying for the bill was Senator White.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.