

HB 812 -- PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Black (7)

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

Currently, a retired teacher or a retired noncertificated employee who is receiving a retirement benefit from the Public School Retirement System of Missouri or the Public School Retirement System of Missouri is allowed to work full time for up to two years for a school district covered by such retirement system if the system has a shortage of certified teachers or noncertificated employees. This bill allows these employees to work full time up to four years for such districts.

This bill is similar to HB 2460 (2020).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill allows a retired teacher to work for up to four years instead of up to two years for a school district without losing their retirement benefit in a school district having a shortage of certified teachers. This will help those schools having problems getting qualified teachers the help they need until certified teachers are available.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Black; Missouri NEA; Public School Retirement System (PSRS); Public Education Employee Retirement System (PEERS); and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.