

HB 1070 -- SCHOOL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 18 to 0.

This bill gives authority to school districts to adopt emergency preparedness plans for the use of school resources during natural disasters or other community emergencies. Resources may include food assistance through the use of federal commodity foods and the use of school buildings and buses. The use of resources under an emergency plan is subject to review by the local board of education within 30 days of authorization or as soon as reasonably possible.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill simply clarifies that school district resources can be used during community emergencies.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Miller and Wagner; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; School Administrators' Coalition; Missouri National Education Association; Missouri State Teachers Association; and Missouri School Boards Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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