

HCS HB 2147 & 2261 -- A+ PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Day (Brown, 149)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, students who are active-duty military dependents are exempt from the three-year attendance requirement for the A+ Program. This substitute adds a dependent of a retired military member who relocates to Missouri within one year of the date of his or her parent's retirement from active duty to the attendance exemption.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that dependents of recent military retirees are being penalized because they are not exempt from the attendance requirements. This causes an undue hardship for military families. The bill will make Missouri a more military-friendly state for retirees.

Testifying for the bills were Representatives Brown (149) and Kraus; and Dewey Rhein, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department and Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.