

HB 139 -- MISSOURI ACCOUNTABILITY PORTAL

SPONSOR: Smith (150)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 13 to 1.

This bill requires the Office of Administration to maintain public school and county government accountability information on the Missouri Accountability Portal. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must collect and submit certain financial and policy information to the Office of Administration for inclusion. School districts and charter schools must annually provide detailed employee compensation data, the school calendar, the district budget, and school policies to the department in a commonly used electronic format as specified by the department. County governmental entities must collect and annually transmit to the Office of Administration for inclusion on the portal detailed compensation information and the county budget according to standards established by the office.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$1,062,900 in FY 2012, \$180,746 in FY 2013, and \$66,166 in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there is a need for citizens to be able to access school district information and compare the information from district to district. Currently, it is a labor intensive process to make this type of analysis. Adding this information to the portal to assist in making this comparative analysis between districts would be relatively easy because of current technology.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Smith (150); Missouri National Education Association; and RKV Technologies.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that cities and counties are sensitive to unfunded mandates and this type of information should be published in the newspaper so it can be archived and printed by an independent third party.

Testifying on the bill were Missouri Association of Counties; and Missouri Press Association.