

HB 1172 -- TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL CARE PROVIDERS

SPONSOR: Franz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Disability Services by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, a residential treatment agency is prohibited from applying for a residential treatment agency tax credit in an amount greater than 40% of the payments made by the Department of Social Services to the agency in the preceding 12 months for eligible donations made by taxpayers. This bill allows an agency to apply for the credit in an amount equal to the total payments. The bill extends the expiration date of the tax credit program from August 28, 2012, to December 31, 2015.

The bill also establishes the Developmental Disability Care Provider Tax Credit Program which authorizes a tax credit to a taxpayer for 50% of a donation to a developmental disability care provider that is used solely to provide direct care services to residents of the state with development disabilities. The credit is non-refundable, may be carried forward for four years, and is transferable.

The provisions of the bill regarding the Developmental Disability Care Provider Tax Credit Program will expire December 31, 2016.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows a residential care facility to raise private donations to help fund its facility. A private citizen will be able to get a larger tax credit for a charitable donation to a qualified agency. It will be more expensive to let the tax credit expire than to extend the provisions of the bill. This tax credit program is unique because it is a purchased tax credit. The qualifying agency buys the tax credit from the state and then sells it for contributions and the eligible taxpayer has to redeem it. The state already has received the funds and there is no cost to the state. It provides an incentive for donations for private fundraising that is desperately needed for residential care agencies.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Franz; Bob Springate, Missouri Baptist Children's Home; and Missouri Coalition of Children Agencies.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.