

HCS HB 159 -- PROOF OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENCY FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS

SPONSOR: Guernsey

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 18 to 0.

This substitute allows an exemption from the proof of residency or domicile requirement to register a child for school whose parent or guardian is serving on specified active duty military orders.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that due to the number and length of deployments of our active duty military, guard and reservists, many spouses are relocating with family members in other communities. Currently, they have to pay tuition for their children to go to public school because they are not residents of that school district. This places another undue burden on the family. The bill will allow the children of deployed parents to attend school in other districts while their parents are deployed.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Guernsey; Chris Powers; Missouri National Guard; and Missouri Veterans Commission.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.