

HB 1005 -- Education

Sponsor: Lampe

This bill changes the laws regarding education. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must provide examination of applicants for high school equivalency certificates at times reasonably convenient for the applicant instead of at least twice each year;

(2) Requires school districts to submit applications regarding standards for gifted programs to the State Board of Education annually in a format prescribed by the department instead of by July 15 of each year;

(3) Changes a reference of handicapped children to disabled children; and

(4) Requires the board of advisors for the Missouri School for the Deaf and the board of advisors for the Missouri School for the Blind to be appointed by the Commissioner of Education instead of the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and for the boards to meet as needed but no less than two times per year instead of bimonthly. No member of either board will be compensated for his or her services but may recover actual expenses. Currently, a member receives \$100 per year and actual expenses.