

HB 996 -- TAX CREDITS FOR CERTAIN CONTRIBUTION

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Social Services by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, the Residential Treatment Agency Tax Credit Act will expire on December 31, 2015, and will terminate on September 1, 2016. This bill extends the expiration of the act to December 31, 2020 and the termination of the act to September 1, 2021.

Currently, the Developmental Disability Care Provider Tax Credit Program will expire December 31, 2016. The bill extends the expiration to December 31, 2020.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that these programs help a lot of kids in Missouri. Last year due to the tax credits, one organization was able to raise over \$800,000 to make up for the gap between the cost of care for the kids and reimbursement from the state for the care provided to the kids. Organizations who receive money from the programs work with at risk children and adults with developmental disabilities. The organizations serve children in crisis, including those in the custody of the state. Supporters believe the programs are another tool for communities to solve community problems at a local level and the programs allow better control of local dollars to address concerns in their area. The care needed by the individuals is out pacing the reimbursement rates provided for the services. The tax credit is one of the tools that helps one organization raise 10% of their budget each year. The programs allow for the building of public and private support.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hoskins; Robert Springate, Missouri Baptist Children's Home; Missouri Coalition Of Children's Agencies; Great Circle; Patrick Dougherty; and Erika Leonard.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.