

HB 1206 -- SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

SPONSOR: Smith

This bill requires the following interventions to be made when a school district or attendance center is classified as unaccredited by the State Board of Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:

(1) The student to teacher ratio in the subject areas of mathematics, science, and language arts must be reduced to no more than 22 students to one teacher; and

(2) The student to counselor ratio must be reduced to no more than 200 students to one counselor.

Any costs associated with providing additional teaching staff to comply with these provisions must be paid by the state.

The aggregate amount of tuition, including transportation costs, charged by a receiving district during a school year for a student transferring from an unaccredited district must not exceed \$8,000 per pupil.

The aggregate amount of tuition, including transportation costs, charged by a receiving district during a school year for a student transferring from the Normandy School District must not exceed \$7,500 per pupil.

The state board must adopt a system of classification that accredits an attendance center, which is defined as a public school building or buildings or part of a school building that constitutes one unit for accountability purposes under the Missouri School Improvement Program within a district, separately from the district as a whole.