

HB 352 -- CANTEEN FUND

SPONSOR: Henderson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

Beginning August 28, 2021, this bill repeals authorization for a separate commissary account, that is currently used for operational expenses, and retains an "Inmate Canteen Fund" that is used for recreational, religious, educational, and reentry services.

The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Fund and money in the Fund must be used to collect all revenue and pay operating expenses of the inmate canteens. The unexpended balance in the existing fund will not revert to General Revenue, but will be retained in the Fund.

This bill is similar to HB 1899 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill easily passed the House last year and will ensure that funds used for the benefit of inmates are properly audited and managed.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Henderson; Missouri Department of Corrections; and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.