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Kingston School District to Benefit from Engler's Bill

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, announced that Senate Bill 839, which he sponsored, received approval from the Senate and now moves to the House. The bill would help the Kingston School District, which is facing the loss of state funding or having to pay for the removal and transport of their leased modular.

"Kingston simply can't afford to lose state funding or pay to transport their building back to their owner," said Sen. Engler. "This bill will ensure they are simply able to buy those buildings and save nearly half a million dollars."

In 2003, the Kingston School District leased modular building so that the school would have classrooms for 3-5 graders. This year, the lease on those units is complete, and the cost to move the buildings would be \$500,000. The formula funding would prevent the district from purchasing these units without a loss in funding.

The district contacted Sen. Engler to see if the problem could be corrected through legislation. Sen. Engler drafted Senate Bill 839 to specifically allow the district to buy the buildings without being penalized with funding cuts.

"This bill is an important measure for the Kingston School District," said Sen. Engler. "I urge the House to quickly pass this measure and fix the situation."

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