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### **Measure to Aid Kingston School Clears Legislature**

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JEFFERSON CITY – A bill that will save a 3<sup>rd</sup> District school over a million dollars is on its way to the governor's desk. Senate Bill 839, sponsored by Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, received a final House vote on Thursday (5/1).

Senate Bill 839 is designed to keep the Kingston School District from losing some state funding due to the fact that the district leased trailers and cannot buy them. Sen. Engler drafted the legislation as a one-time fix so the district could buy the buildings without being penalized.

"When we revamped Missouri's foundation formula three years ago, the goal was to make sure schools were treated fairly," said Sen. Engler. "Situations such as Kingston are very unique and come along once in a great while. Thankfully, in this case we had the ability to help them out."

In 2003, the Kingston School District leased modular buildings so 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 and replace them would be nearly a million dollars. The formula would prevent the district from purchasing these units without a loss in funding. After discovering the possible loss of funding, the district contacted Sen. Engler to see if the problem could be corrected through legislation.

"I am pleased we were able to fix this situation effectively, and am glad the school district will now be able to receive all of their funding," said Sen. Engler. "A school district as small as Kingston was in a no win situation. I'm glad we were able to help."

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