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Senator Jason Crowell Working to Get Much-Needed Pay Raise for Missouri Teachers

JEFFERSON CITY –Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, is taking steps to raise the amount starting teachers make as well as set floors for teacher pay based on a variety of experience levels. Sen. Crowell recently filed Senate Bill 1152 in order establish the Minimum Salary Fund for Teachers so that school districts can qualify for funding to pay minimum salary supplements to teachers.

“We can’t expect to keep exceptional educators in our school districts if we continue to inadequately compensate them,” said Sen. Crowell. “We need to make sure teachers in Missouri — those who are just starting out and those with more experience — know that we value their hard work in the classroom.”

A recent study ranks Missouri’s average salary for public school teachers 42nd in the nation. Senate Bill 1152 would raise the state’s minimum starting salary target from \$23,000 to \$31,000. The pay plan would also set minimum salary targets for more experienced teachers ranging up to \$46,000.

The bill requires the state to appropriate funds in order to raise teachers’ pay in the state up to target salaries outlined in the legislation. Approximately more than 400 of the state’s 524 school districts would be affected by this proposal.

“Ensuring that Missouri’s children are able to receive a world-class education is my highest priority,” said Sen. Crowell. “Educators are the backbone of any school. We need to make sure that Missouri is taking care of its teachers, and we can do that by raising teachers’ salaries.”

After being introduced on the Senate floor, the bill is referred to a Senate committee where public testimony is heard and the legislation is discussed.

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