

HB 1855 -- Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and  
Mathematics Initiative

Sponsor: Wallingford

This bill establishes the Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative within the Department of Higher Education to increase interest and the number of graduates in these fields. The bill creates the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fund for appropriated moneys and matching institutional funds for endowed teaching professorships, scholarships, youth programs, and career enhancement for elementary and secondary teachers and professors at public and private colleges and universities.

The bill allows any taxpayer who hires a student majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at any public or private two-year or four-year institution for an internship to apply to have up to \$5,000 of his or her state tax liability under Chapters 143, 147, 148, and 153, RSMo, transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the newly created fund. The internship must be for at least 15 hours a week for at least 12 weeks and be located within the state. Donations to the fund from third parties will not count against the \$50,000 annual limit on transferred funds.