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Representative Brenda Shields Celebrates a Win for Educators with the Unanimous Passing of HB 1945

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – A unanimous vote of 150-0 allowed for Representative Brenda Shields' sponsored HB 1945 to pass out of the Missouri House today.

HB 1945 is a win for educators as it repeals a provision that would have caused the teacher externship program to expire on August 28th, 2024. The program allows educators the ability to utilize the time during the summer when students are off from school to work in businesses and earn hours on their salary schedule.

"Teachers are invaluable to us as a society. I believe that by giving them the opportunity to continue to grow, learn, and gain experience from participating in externships, it will only provide an added immeasurable impact for our children and their futures," stated Shields, R-St. Joseph. "This program has been very successful since we originally passed legislation introducing it five years ago. I am grateful to the members of the body for passing HB 1945 in order to encourage our educators to continue to take part in the externship program. The fact that the vote was unanimous to pass this bill really highlights how my colleagues can come together to help Missouri teachers in a very tangible way."

HB 1945 will move on to the floor of the Missouri Senate to be heard, now that it has passed out of the House. As the end of session nears, Representative Shields remains diligent in vetting and securing pieces of legislation for her constituents and all Missourians.

Rep. Brenda Shields, a Republican, represents part of Buchanan County, (District 11) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Shields was elected in November 2018. For more information, please contact Rep. Shields at 573-75-3643 or by email at Brenda.Shields@house.mo.gov

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