

HCS HB 1347 -- COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION
(Myers)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Higher Education

Currently, students at all public and private colleges, except private trade schools, are required to take an examination on the United States and Missouri constitutions and on American history and institutions. This substitute eliminates the requirement for private colleges and makes it apply only to candidates for an associate of arts or bachelor's degree, beginning with freshmen who enroll on or after August 28, 2007. The substitute also clarifies that the requirement may be satisfied by an examination or a three-hour course and requires public institutions to report how they are ensuring fulfillment of the requirement by September 1, 2007, and adds rule-making authority. The duty of the commissioners of Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary Education to prescribe lists of suitable textbooks is eliminated.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.