

HB 746 -- Innovation Campuses

Sponsor: Cross

This bill creates the Innovation Education Campus Fund. An innovation campus must work to lower costs and decrease the amount of time to complete a degree and provide applied learning experiences and direct access to a career. A campus must verify annually that it has satisfied these criteria to receive money from the fund. Moneys in the fund are not considered part of any institution's or school district's annual appropriation.

The bill defines "innovation education campus" as a program of instruction that combines the education of students from a Missouri public four-year institution, school district, and community college. Partnerships with Linn State Technical College, career and technical education schools, and private enterprises are permitted. The existing innovation campus for the University of Central Missouri is included in the definition.