

HCS SCS SB 17 -- ADVISORY COUNCILS IN EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Munzlinger (Thomson)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 13 to 0.

This substitute establishes the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children, with seven members appointed by the Commissioner of Education. Members will serve for a term of four years, except for initial appointees. The commissioner must consider recommendations for membership from organizations of educators and parents of gifted and talented children. Members must be Missouri residents and selected based on their knowledge and experience with the education of gifted and talented children.

The commissioner must seek the advice of the council regarding all rules and policies to be adopted by the State Board of Education relating to the education of gifted and talented children. The board must appoint a staff member to be a liaison to the council and must also provide necessary clerical support and assistance to the council.

The Career and Technical Education Student Protection Act establishes the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council and repeals the State Advisory Committee for Vocational Education. The advisory council will consist of 11 members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members will serve a term of five years, except for the initial appointees, whose terms are specified in the substitute. Members will consist of the following individuals: a director or administrator of a career and technical education center; an individual from the business community with a background in commerce; a representative from Linn State Technical College; three current or retired career and technical education teachers who serve or have served as an advisor to a career and technical education student organization, specified in the substitute; a representative from a business organization, association of businesses, or a business coalition; a representative from a community college; a representative from Southeast Missouri State University or University of Central Missouri; an individual participating in an apprenticeship recognized by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations or approved by the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship; a school administrator or superintendent of a school offering career and technical education.

A director of career and guidance counseling at the Department of Elementary and Secondary education, the Director of the Division of Workforce Development and a member of the Coordinating Board for

Higher Education will serve as ex-officio members. The Assistant Commissioner for the Office of College and Career Readiness of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will provide staff support to the advisory council. The advisory council must meet at least four times annually. Business coming before the advisory council, including all decisions, votes, exhibits, outcomes, and materials must be made available by the times specified in the substitute.

The advisory council must make an annual written report regarding the state budget for career and technical education and must annually submit written recommendations regarding the oversight and procedures for the handling of students career and technical education organization funds to the board and the commissioner.

The advisory council must develop a statewide short-range and long-range plan for career and technical education; identify legislative recommendations to improve career and technical education; and promote coordination of existing career and technical education programs.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill provides the potential for educational interaction with businesses and industries that need skilled workers. Career and technical education seems more relevant to many students. Getting local businesses to interact with the students is key to keeping good people.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Munzlinger; Missouri Farm Bureau; Randy Gooch, Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators; Mike Lodewegen, School Administrators Coalition; Missouri State Teachers Association; Missouri National Education Association; Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.