

HCS SS SCS SB 210 -- COMMON CORE EDUCATION STANDARDS

SPONSOR: Lamping (Bahr)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 19 to 0.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is required to conduct at least one public hearing in each congressional district before the full implementation of the common core state standards. The department must provide each person who wishes to testify a reasonable amount of time to do so. The department must publish a notice on its Internet website at least two weeks before each hearing, post the notice at the location of each hearing, and notify each district of the public hearing. Each school district must notify parents within 72 hours of receiving the department's notification in a manner of its choosing.

At least two weeks before the first public hearing, the department must perform a fiscal analysis of the projected cost to the state and school districts of the implementation of the common core standards and prepare a report identifying any data that will be collected as a result of the common core standards and any governmental or quasi-governmental entity or consortium that collects or receives any data as a result of the implementation. The report must be published on the department's website and submitted to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Joint Committee on Education.

All public hearings must be conducted by December 31, 2013. The department must provide a report by January 31, 2014, to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the joint committee that summarizes the public testimony heard at each of the public hearings.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has not done a sufficient job of informing parents and legislators about the issues surrounding the adoption of the common core standards. Some citizens worry that the cost to implement the standards is the amount cited in the department's 2010 application for Race to the Top funding. Recent changes to the federal educational right to privacy law may make it easier for identifiable information to be shared with outside parties.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bahr for Senator Lamping; Gretchen Logue, Missouri Coalition Against the Common Core; Dave Schulz, Show Me Institute; Kathryn Holloway; Gerald

Breihan; Concerned Women for America; Bev Ehlen, Warren Country Patriots; and Gina Allen.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the process for the adoption of the common core standards in Missouri has taken approximately three years, has been noted as it developed on the department website, and has involved many people. Adoption of the common core should not cause a district to lose control of its curriculum, and except for data needed for federal funding for migrant children, no personally identifiable information is sent to the federal department of education.

Testifying on the bill were Chris NiCastro, Commissioner of Education; Rusty Monholland, Department of Higher Education; Mark Van Zandt, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Barbara J. Reys, University of Missouri College of Education; and Ron Calzone, Missouri First.