

HCS HB 2327 -- URBAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE

SPONSOR: Curtis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 6 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill establishes the Urban Education Institute, a collaboration between students and faculty at Harris-Stowe State University to address the urban education crisis and to develop a framework to improve quality education in urban areas and public schools. The institute is authorized to receive gifts, bequests, donations, and grant from any source, public or private. The institute shall employ, at a minimum, an executive director, two full-time grant writers, and two additional full-time employees. The institute is authorized to consult, collaborate and work in partnership with the education departments of three top-tier educational institutions, three top-tier historically black colleges and universities, any college or university in Missouri, and any other educational organizations.

The provisions of this bill shall sunset six years after the effective date unless reauthorized.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will be another tool to help students in urban areas.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Curtis.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.