

HB 732 -- STUDENT MEAL PLANS HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 0.

After July 1, 2018, this bill will prohibit any public institution of higher education in Missouri from requiring any student to purchase meal plans or require students to dine at on-campus facilities when a student has presented medical documentation of a food allergy or sensitivity, or a medical dietary issue, to the institution.

This bill is similar to HB 2099 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that students should not have to pay for a service they aren't using. Students who have special dietary needs and have to pay for special food items should not also be charged for a meal plan they can't eat.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Chipman.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.