

HCS HB 927 -- PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SPONSOR: Eggleston

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Budget by a vote of 14 to 12. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 3.

Beginning in calendar year 2019, public institutions of higher education, in collaboration with the coordinating board, will add to the existing institutional performance measures an institutional performance measure relating to job placement in a field or position associated with the student's degree level and pursuit of a graduate degree.

Such job placement measure will be weighted as 1/3 of the performance funding allocation for each institution, with the remaining measures counted equally as the remaining 2/3 of an institution's performance funding allocation. The success or failure of any institution to meet any of its performance measures will not affect the performance funding of any other institution. If an institution fails to meet its performance measures the forfeited funds will revert to general revenue.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will allow colleges to get extra money for pay raises and bonuses for work well done when the school goes beyond expectations. The bill adds job placement as a sixth performance measure and allows the colleges to be measured against themselves instead of each other.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Eggleston.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this is a complex issue and information is not readily available on job placement.

Testifying against the bill were Paul Wagner, COPHE, and the Missouri Community College Association.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say this is a cooperative work in process. We will be working on this during the summer. The idea is not to compare universities with each other, but to compare them with their own goals.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Department of Higher Education.