

HCS HB 953 -- HIGH SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Lauer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill requires each high school to annually provide its students with certain specified information including career trends, salary information, and the skills and traits necessary to succeed in various careers.

The Department of Economic Development shall annually identify fields of study in which a critical need or shortage of trained personnel exists. The State Board of Education shall annually provide such information to local school districts to support high school students in their career pathway decisions.

Each public institution of higher education shall publish for each credential offering certain specified information in its public website or course catalog. The information includes employment opportunities for people who have earned the credential, the number of people who earned the credential who were employed within one year of graduation, the average income and salary ranges for people employed in a field closely related to the credential, and the estimated cost of the degree including on-campus housing and course material costs.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will provide high school and college students with necessary information for the student to be aware of career opportunities and trends, and the costs and value of obtaining a credential or other skill through higher education.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lauer; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Paul Wagner, Council of Public Higher Education; and Leroy Wade, Missouri Department of Higher Education.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.