

HB 1275 -- ALLEN PURDY WORK-STUDY PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Kendrick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill establishes the "Allan Purdy Work-Study Program." The program will be administered by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Any resident of the state enrolled or accepted for enrollment at any accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher education may qualify for participation in the program.

Funds appropriated to the program shall be used to provide a work-study program of employment for resident students in good standing with their institution. A student may be employed by the institution in which he or she is enrolled, nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, or for-profit organizations.

Sixty percent of funds shall be used for students with demonstrated financial need. Up to 40% of funds may be used to provide funding on another basis.

This bill contains a sunset provision.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 984 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill promotes workforce development while providing financial aid. Work-study is a missing piece of Missouri's available financial aid program, and this bill helps fill that gap.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kendrick; Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri; Council on Public Higher Education; Associated Students of the University Of Missouri; and Leroy Wade, Missouri Department of Higher Education.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.