

HB 1415 -- TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SPONSOR: Lauer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill allows a teacher to count hours spent in a local business externship as contact hours of professional development.

This bill is the same as HB 799 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will encourage teachers to engage in learning experiences with businesses in the community and bring real world skills back into the classroom.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lauer; Missouri Association of Career And Technical Education; School Administrators Coalition; MSTA; Missouri NEA; and Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.