

HB 1679 -- STUDENT MEAL PLANS

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 10 to 1.

After July 1, 2019, 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 the same as HB 732 (2017) and similar to HB 2099 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that students who, for medical reasons, can't eat the food prepared by the school should not be required to pay for it. It is not fair that these students have to pay for the meal plan and then purchase their own food.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Chipman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.