

HB 1839 -- STUDENT ATHLETES

SPONSOR: Houghton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 8 to 4.

This bill requires the Missouri State High School Activities Association to provide coaches to oversee athletic practices at the Missouri State Fair for any public school student who misses an athletic team practice as a result of participating in activities at the Missouri State Fair.

This bill is similar to HB 449 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would increase participation in the State Fair. Currently, athletes who participate in fall sports at school must participate in a certain number of practices before they can compete. Many athletes choose not to participate in the fair as to not miss practices.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Houghton.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.