

HCS HB 1682 -- VAPOR PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Wood

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1682.

This bill prohibits the use of vapor products, as defined in Section 407.925, RSMo, in any indoor area of a public school or school bus. The bill allows a school board to adopt additional policies relating to vapor product, and removes the penalty language from the current statute.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there has been a marked increase in the number of students that have been caught vaping in schools and this bill would send a strong message that this vaping is harmful to student health and potentially dangerous. Testimony was provided by students that have been directly impacted by vaping of their peers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wood; Kyrstin Thurman; Justin Hamrick; BJC Healthcare; Cox Healthcare; Missouri State Medical Association; School Administrators Association; and Missouri School Board Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.