

HCS HB 2435 -- VISITING SCHOLARS

SPONSOR: Swan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 14 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2435.

This bill increases the number of times a visiting scholar certificate can be renewed from two times to four times, and removes the requirement that a scholar must be part of a business education partnership initiative.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this will further help to expand the current level of instruction and open career pathways for students, while helping schools meet a critical need for skilled teachers. This is similar to other states that provide a variety of flexibility in the path to becoming an instructor.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Swan; Tony Gagnani; Aligned; Peter Stiepleman; and Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.