

HB 297 -- SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

SPONSOR: Wallingford

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with House Substitute" by the committee on Legislative Review by a vote of 5 to 1.

This bill designates Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) as an institution with a statewide mission in visual and performing arts, computer science, and cybersecurity.

The bill modifies provisions relating to the Board of Governors for SEMO as outlined in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 2151 (2020) and HB 1121 (2019).

Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of the additional language added to the House Substitute.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that SEMO is leading the nation in the education of young Missourians in many categories. Very few universities are accredited in cybersecurity, and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education did approve the statewide mission.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wallingford; and Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO).

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.