

HB 655 -- Higher Education Programs and Funding

Sponsor: Wright (137)

This bill revises the section of Senate Bill 98 which passed the House of Representatives and the Senate in 2005 that specified the conditions under which Southwest Missouri State University, renamed as Missouri State University, could offer certain advanced degrees. Additional provisions are also added to establish how four-year higher education institutions are to be funded. If an institution's increased percentage level of operational funding exceeds the average percentage level appropriated to other institutions, the amount for that institution will be decreased to the average; and the overage will revert to the General Revenue Fund. The bill's provisions are declared nonseverable.