

HB 70 -- EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES AND TESTS

SPONSOR: Day

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Veterans by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill exempts any high school student who transfers into the state from the statutory requirement for the state and federal government course and the exam on the Missouri Constitution upon acceptable documentation that the student has successfully completed the requirements in another state.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that all states require high school students to pass a state constitution exam prior to graduation. There are many circumstances where students of military families have passed the exam in another state before moving to Missouri and then must pass our state constitution exam in order to graduate. The bill will ease the transition of the student into the school system and remove a burden on both the student and his or her family.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Day; Charles Boyer, Department of the Army; Mike Haynes, Whiteman Area Leadership Council; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.