

HB 1613 -- Trade Agreements

Sponsor: Bowman

This bill establishes the Office of Trade Enforcement within the Department of Economic Development and specifies the duties of the office which include preparing an annual trade impact report.

The Citizen's Commission on Globalization is also established consisting of 12 members. The membership and its duties are specified.

The State of Missouri is not bound by any trade agreement without the consent of the General Assembly. The bill specifies what actions must be taken before the state will consent to the terms of a trade agreement.

Subject to appropriations, two individuals will be appointed at the beginning of each legislative session to serve as liaisons between the General Assembly and the United States government and the Governor on trade-related matters as well as other duties specified in the bill.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.