

HB 1667 -- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Swan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 8 to 2.

This bill specifies that charter schools become eligible to receive state funding for early childhood education at the same time as the district in which they are located becomes eligible.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help to provide early childhood education to more children by providing charter schools with easier access to funding. Early childhood programs help students to be more successful in kindergarten and establish a solid foundation for their entire academic experience.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Swan; Missouri Charter Public School Association; John Klein, Confluence Academy; Karen Walker, Confluence Academy; Emerson; and Christie Huck, City Garden Montessori School.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.