

HB 2622 -- BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: Austin

This bill provides that the Coordinating Board for Higher Education may promote and encourage, but shall not require as a condition for approval of a proposed new degree program, cooperative agreements between Missouri public four-year higher education institutions that offer graduate degrees and those that do not so that graduate degrees may then be offered on those institutions that currently do not.

The bill also states that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing boards of state institution of higher education named under Subsection 1 of Section 174.020, RSMo, and the Board of Governors of Truman State University, shall have the power to offer baccalaureate and graduate degree programs, subject to the approval of the Board.