

HCS HB 2742 -- BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION WEBSITE

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (144)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill will require the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to maintain and publish on its website a list of post-secondary educational institutions meeting requirements described within the bill.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say this bill will help to ensure institutions of higher education meet state rules so their students are eligible to access federal student aid programs. There is a three part requirement for access to federal aid programs: federal approval, accreditation, and compliance with state rules. This bill will ensure the last part. It will not change the relationship between the schools and the department or give or take away any powers of the department, this is largely a change affecting information.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fitzwater; Leroy Wade, Missouri Department of Higher Education; Robert Thurman, Brookes Bible College; Matt Heeren, A.T. Still University; and Independent Colleges & Universities of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.