

HB 799 -- TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SPONSOR: Lauer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 1.

This bill will allow a teacher to count hours spent in a local business externship as contact hours of professional development.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will encourage teachers to engage in learning experiences with businesses in the community and bring real world skills back into the classroom. This will improve the link between schools and industry.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lauer; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri State Teachers Association; and School Administrators Coalition.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.