

HCB 4 -- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SPONSOR: Lauer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "To Introduce" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill provides that financial assistance, through the Missouri Works Training Program, may be provided to an association of a majority of qualified companies organized to provide common training to the association members' employees.

The bill provides students the opportunity to chose between the ACT WorkKeys assessment or ACT (including ACT Plus Writing) assessment in any school year in which the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment.

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