

HB 1420 -- EARLY LEARNING QUALITY PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Pfautsch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill extends the sunset for the early learning quality assurance report pilot program from August 28, 2016 until August 28, 2019.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this program provides parents with information that helps them make good decisions about early childhood education for their children.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pfautsch; Kyle Matchell, Mid-America Regional Council; Kids Win Missouri; Alliance for Childhood Education; Missouri NEA; MSTA; School Administrators Coalition; Greg Laposa, St. Louis Regional Chamber; Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies; and Katie Rahn, Southside Early Childhood.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.