

HB 1716 -- MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

SPONSOR: White

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill prohibits health care providers from entering into a contract with a medical school located outside of Missouri to exclusively accept only students from the medical school to the exclusion of Missouri medical school students. Any individual or medical school aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring a civil action for damages and the court may award injunctive relief.

This bill is the same as HB 690 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill does not prevent a foreign medical school from making a contract with Missouri health care providers, but that the contract cannot be exclusive of local students. It is a poor investment to invest only in out-of-state students because four out of five such students will not stay in the state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative White and Ronnie B. Martin, DO, Kansas City University of Medicine.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.