HB 1744 -- A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Hansen

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

This bill modifies the A+ Schools Program by removing the requirement that the student's attendance of a high school in the state be the three years immediately prior to graduation.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is the same as HB 599 (2017) and similar to SB 650 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill removes a technical requirement that should not prevent students from being eligible for A+ benefits.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hansen; School Administrators Association; Missouri National Education Association; and Leroy Wade, Department Of Higher Education.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.