

HCS HB 1888 -- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

SPONSOR: Bahr

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Innovation and Technology 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 requires State Board of Education (SBE) meetings to be recorded by video. The video must be posted on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website and archived in a manner that ensures easy and free accessibility by the public.

The bill also requires every SBE meeting to have a public comment period, and that each member of the SBE have an individual email address that is available to the public.

This bill is similar to HB 358 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill fosters governmental transparency, and enables citizens to be informed of the SBE's actions at their convenience. Currently, the SBE lets people listen to meetings using audio technological services, but does not record any of its meetings.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Bahr.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.