

HCS HB 2411 -- SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a process for recognition of a school district's school library information and technology program before July 1, 2019.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that a process for recognition of school librarians and library programs will help acknowledge the importance of school librarians in education and encourage improvement of library programs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Lysha Thompson, Missouri Association of School Librarians; Mernie Maestas; and the Missouri State Teacher's Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.