HCS HBs 281 & 570 -- ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION PLANS

SPONSOR: Kelley (127)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Student Accountability by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 2.

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, this bill allows a district to use an alternative instruction plan approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for up to 60 hours due to inclement weather, as specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 127 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would help school districts when days are missed due to inclement weather, the prescriptive aspect of this bill was addressed, and the importance of educating as many hours as possible before the testing window was stressed.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelley; Dr. Karl Janson; Missouri State Teachers Association; Missouri National Education Association; and School Administrators Coalition.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.