

HB 646 -- SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

SPONSOR: Rowland

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Not Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and Procedure by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pays sheltered workshops an amount determined by a set formula, but no less than an amount equal to \$21 for each six-hour or longer day worked by a handicapped worker. This bill adds the requirement that the six-hour or longer day must occur in a standard work week of up to and including 38 hours worked. For a handicapped worker employed by a sheltered workshop for less than a 38-hour week or a six-hour day, the workshop receives a percentage of the corresponding amount normally paid based on the percentage of time worked by the handicapped employee.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies the dollar amount that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pays to sheltered workshops for the work being completed by a handicapped worker so that moneys payable can be pro-rated based on the amount of time such person worked.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rowland; Missouri Association of County Developmental Disability Services; and Kit Brewer, Missouri Association of Sheltered Workshop Managers.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.