

HCS HB 1093 -- DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

SPONSOR: Dohrman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Career Readiness by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill allows students enrolled in a STEM studies enhancement program (an undergraduate program offered by a Missouri higher education institution to high school students that emphasizes applied, advanced skills in any field related to STEM), who have a household income not exceeding 110% of the state median and otherwise meet the provisions of the bill, to receive a dual credit scholarship. The STEM studies enhancement scholarship will be based on the average tuition cost of a community college course in the state.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will provide additional options for students, and that perhaps the STEM portion of the bill should not be just students with limited income.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dohrman.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that there are concerns that the bill does not address the safety of the high school students. Thinks there is a potential danger with younger students being exposed to college students/a college campus. Would like to see language added to the bill.

Testifying against the bill was Hannah Mungamuri.