

HB 1663 -- ADVANCING MISSOURI TEACHERS

SPONSOR: Richey

This bill shall be known as the "Advancing Missouri Teachers Act" and requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, (DESE) to develop a program under which a teacher may take an advanced degree or graduate course that meets the requirements outlined in the bill and apply for reimbursement of up to \$100 per credit hour, subject to appropriations.

The bill establishes the "Advancing Missouri Teachers Fund" for approved disbursements. Approved and completed advanced degrees and graduate courses shall be counted toward a district's salary schedule advancement, and DESE shall submit a report by November 30th of each year to the Joint Committee on Education as specified in the bill.