

HCS HB 1808 -- ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

SPONSOR: Wood

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 11 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1808.

This bill requires the State Board of Education to amend the existing health or physical education academic performance standards, learning standards, and curriculum frameworks to include instruction on the use and evidence based effect of vapor products as defined in Section 407.925 RSMo.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that creating standards for health courses is an important goal for the government. The inclusion of vaping in the standards in association with other dangerous and harmful drugs sends a message about the potential harm vaping may cause. Testimony was provided by students that have been directly impacted by vaping of their peers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wood; Missouri School Board Association; Lucas Corbin; Eden Fisher; William Darter; Cox Health; and Missouri National Education Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.