

HCS HB 1868 -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Swan

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 10 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1868.

This bill requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Career and Technical Advisory Council, to develop a statewide plan establishing the minimum requirements for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificate. The statewide plan will match workforce needs with appropriate educational resources. Each local school district shall determine the curriculum, programs of study, and course offerings based on the requirements of the statewide plan.

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 this is a necessary aspect of the career and technical education certificates plan to provide viability and relevance. Supporters also say that this is a great opportunity for emphasis on career technical education, and development of a plan will provide a floor and ceiling to work within.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Swan; Missouri National Education Association; Missouri State Teachers Association; Aligned; Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education; and the Missouri Council on Economic Education.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

This bill is similar to SB 536 (2020).