

HCS HB 2387 -- MISSOURI EDUCATION TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Riggs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Career Readiness by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2387.

This bill establishes the "21st Century Missouri Education Task Force". The membership of the task force includes: three members of the House of Representatives with two members appointed by the Speaker and one appointed by the Minority Leader, three members of the Senate with two appointed by the President Pro Tem and one appointed by the Minority Leader, the Governor or his designee, nine members as appointed by the Governor representing various interested parties, the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Higher Education or their designees.

The mission of the task force is outlined in the bill and includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of current educational process and funding. The task force will make recommendations for legislation as well as submit a report outlining a summary of task force activities to the General Assembly before August 28, 2021. The task force will suspend operations on January 1, 2022 and reconvene January 1, 2023 to provide updates and review recommendations to be presented by August 28, 2023.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 744 (2019).

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 bill will make us more competitive as a state on educational issues, as the bill will seek to improve education over time and includes business and technology aspects. The inclusion of the specific members on the task force is deliberate as they all should have an important role in the future of educational issues.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riggs and Missouri Chamber Of Commerce and Industry.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.