

HCS HB 1071 -- EARLY LEARNING QUALITY ASSURANCE

SPONSOR: Shields

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 19 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1071.

This bill changes the Early Learning Quality Assurance Program from a pilot program to an established program, and adds four years to the sunset language set to expire in 2022 so the program will sunset August 28, 2025 unless reauthorized.

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 is a great resource and allows stakeholders an opportunity to improve themselves. The program has a mixture of home based and school district based participants and has provided a wealth of data to indicate that the pilot program was successful.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shields; Missouri Coalition Of Children's Agencies; Kids Win Missouri; Aligned and the Missouri State Alliance of YMCAs.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.