

HCS HBs 1141 & 1067 -- A+ SCHOOL PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Buchheit-Courtway

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 16 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1141.

This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary education to make rules regarding the minimal grade average (GPA) requirement to qualify for the A+ grant award that will only consider grade averages that do not have a negative change to a student's GPA from 2019-20 or 2020-21 due to the impact of "Covid-19". The bill also provides that graduating students' algebra end-of-course and standardized test scores will not restrict their access to A+ funding.

This bill includes an emergency clause.

This bill is the same as HB 1067 (2021).

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 bill protects students who have had their learning environments changed due to COVID-19. Students should not suffer because they are unable to readily acclimate to other forms of learning.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Buchheit-Courtway; Arnie Dienoff; Matt Morrow, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; and the Missouri School Boards Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Testifying on the bill for informational purposes was Brittany Whitley, MOST Policy Initiative, who provided written testimony.

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.