

HB 1502 -- INSTRUCTION IN CURSIVE WRITING

SPONSOR: Bangert

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Committee on Education Reform by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill requires school districts and charter schools to provide instruction in cursive writing by the end of the fifth grade, including a proficiency test of competency in reading and writing cursive.

This bill is the same as HB 2852 (2024) and HB 232 from (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that cursive writing is a fundamental skill that is beneficial to the development of language and important learning skills. Reading cursive writing is helpful when it comes to primary source documents. Many states in the past few years have adopted similar language and Missouri students would benefit from learning cursive.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Bangert.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.