

HB 1945 -- REMOVES SUNSET FOR TEACHER EXTERNSHIPS

SPONSOR: Shields

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill repeals the sunset provision for the teacher externship program that was set to expire August 28th, 2024.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill only removes the sunset for a program that has been used by teachers in school districts across the State. The program is important to give teachers a different perspective then just the classroom which then allows them to share those experiences with their students. This program is similar to one provided by various chambers of commerce that offer a stipend for teacher externships and are interested in the promotion of such externships to provide real world experiences.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Shields; Missouri State Teachers Association; Kansas City Public School District; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry ; Missouri NEA; Perry Gorrell, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and Aligned.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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