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As a Gen-Z educator currently in my 2nd year of teaching, I cannot stress enough the importance of educator externship programs & opportunities. These externships provide educators of all ages and walks of life with the opportunity to continue our knowledge of career pathways & relevancy. Relaying this information back to our districts, buildings, and classrooms is essential in keeping our public schools relevant with the work force, overall the future.



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As a fairly new counselor, I am in support of the teacher externship program. I have gained so much knowledge that has been valuable with sharing with my students. The exposure of which is invaluable because it has allowed me in establishments and the ability to network, which I would have not known of, if it wasn't for such great programs.



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Being a Vocational Education Teacher for 23 years in a rural school district, teacher externships are invaluable tools for me, my students and the community. Gaining first-hand knowledge from employers allows me to modify my curriculum for my students to better prepare them for career success. The opportunity to share and encourage students of not just post-graduate jobs, but lifelong careers is essential for my students to become the productive, valued members of society. Please continue to support teacher externships and career pathways incentives for our future.



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I truly loved my experience with the Missouri Show-Me Careers teacher program. I loved getting to actually go to so many different types of companies to hear directly from them what they are looking for in high school graduates entering the work force. I have definitely taken what I learned during that week back to my classroom to show students how many options there truly are after high school and how valuable and necessary the trades are to their communities. I recommend the Show-Me Careers program to any teacher that I am able!



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Educator Externships are a valuable bridge bringing new context to classroom content so teachers have answers to "when am I ever going to use this?" Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, externships are an efficient way for professionals from all industry to engage at scale, one connection between an employer and a teacher bears impact to hundreds of students each school year.



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I am writing in support of HB 1945. As a former participant of the 2021 and 2022 cohorts of the Show Me Careers program and a School Counselor, I can personally attest to how valuable such externships are. I was provided with valuable, first-hand knowledge about the life-altering opportunities that are available as post secondary options to obtain lucrative careers. I was able to provide information to students regarding skilled trade careers that they would not have otherwise known about, let alone considered. I personally know of a person who was on the verge of becoming homeless, but through the information I provided, he was inspired to pursue the completion of a GED program and later pursue a career in the skill trade industry. These externships are valuable to the futures of so many students and it we would be doing them a disservice to discontinue such opportunities to make valuable contributions to society, while acquiring and maintaining a fulfilling career!



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My name is Carly Overesch and I am a second grade teacher in Kansas City Public Schools. During the 2022-2023 school year I was able to participate in the Teacher Externship program at University Health. KCPS partnered with UH to pilot the program for the district. I was able to work with two other teachers from the district; a science and technology teacher from Lincoln Preparatory Academy and a health sciences teacher from Manual Career and Technical Institute. During our time at UH we had 16 rotations. We shadowed UH staff, met with patients, had hands-on experiences, and assisted employees with their daily tasks. We were able to learn from people with different backgrounds and levels of education. We were given opportunities to ask questions about their personal lives and what brought them to their current roles, as well as the ins and outs of their current work loads. While we were learning from employees in departments from Radiology to Environmental Services to Food Services to Public Safety, we were able to see a broad range of opportunities offered for all in the health care facilities. Teaching in the urban core of Kansas City has made me realize that many of our students don't know how many opportunities there are for them right in their own city. Opportunities that provide a stable income, benefits, and the fulfillment of helping others. Many of our students have very little knowledge of the jobs offered in health services. When I asked my students what job they could have if they worked in the hospital, they all answered with "nurse or doctor". I had a blast being able to share with my students the roles they could potentially take on and the opportunities they all can have! At KCPS, we pride ourselves on making sure our students are "career ready", we know that not every student makes plans for college. Through this externship, we were able to share with students the careers they could have at UH with just a high school diploma. This externship was enlightening and invaluable in that I returned to my classroom able to inform and excite my students about potential future opportunities.



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Teacher Externships are natural and much- needed CONTINUATIONS of teacher development. They provide the up-to-date feedback which is necessary to pass on confidence to students.



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I am reaching out to show support for the sunset provision for the teacher externship program that is set to expire August 28th, 2024. This has been a wonderful hands on experience to learn about the opportunities that exist for students beyond the classroom. It was a beneficial training last summer and I look forward to participating again this summer to learn even more for my students.



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The teacher externship program was an eye opening experience to the careers that are available to new grads without having a degree. They have the opportunity to invest in their future without having debt. These careers teach them skills they need to succeed for future endeavors.



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I attended a teacher externship this past summer in St. Louis Missouri. Seeing the current reality of jobs in our area as well as industry professionals providing insight to future careers was tremendously helpful in the direction and support I provide to my students as well as discussions we have for future programming in our area.



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Phenomenal Program - I only teach Seniors at Jennings High School - this program provided with the opportunity to get a birds eye view of the opportunities available to my students once the graduate if they were not college bound! The program is informative and insightful!



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I started my career as a teacher and eventually made my way to becoming a technology professional. I've now returned to education to lead one arm of an internship program for a St. Louis school district. In my current capacity, I attended the Show-Me Careers externship program put on by the Regional Business Council. As a participant in this opportunity, the concepts and connections offered reminded me of many lessons learned while in industry. For many of my fellow teacher participants, though, this experience was their first opportunity to see the workplaces their students would move into upon graduation. With the rising importance of offering "real world learning" opportunities for students, the teachers of those students should be given the chance to learn what that world outside education looks and feels like. Please renew support for teacher externships.



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Over the past several years, a number of teachers and counselors from Fort Osage School District have participated in teacher externships. These experiences are valuable as they help us write curriculum and create real world learning experiences for students so that students leave high school prepared for the workforce.



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Aligned is a coalition of business, civic and community leaders throughout Missouri and Kansas who are dedicated to advocacy in support of work-based, real-world learning educational initiatives, including those which emphasize career readiness and workforce preparation-centered instruction in Missouri schools. We strongly support removal of the sunset on teacher externships proposed by HB1945 to continue providing educators across Missouri the opportunity to explore career and educational opportunities available and help prepare the future workforce to meet those available demands.



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Teacher externships are very beneficial for all stakeholders. I participated in the Show- Me careers program several years ago and learned lots of cool stuff. I share information I learned from the program with my students on a regular basis.



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I was fortunate enough to be able to attend Show Me Careers over the summer, this was an amazing externship for educators of all levels. I gained valuable hands on experiences that I was able to take back and share with my students. This led to connections with local businesses where we have had students visit employers and employers come to our school. It has also led to internship and job opportunities for students.



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Great program for gaining more insight and resources for students with transition IEP plans. Good networking with fellow educators.



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I participated in a teacher externship last summer, Show Me Careers. As an educator, I found the experience extremely beneficial to see what careers and educational opportunities were available for my students' in their future. It was also eye-opening to find out what the various employers are seeking in quality employees.



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I attended an externship two years ago, and I found it to be an extremely beneficial experience. Not only was I able to familiarize myself with and industry of which I had very little firsthand knowledge, I was able to pass along my experience to students and colleagues, which is valuable for students on rural areas. Allowing this sort of program to end would be short-sighted. If anything, we need to expand opportunities like this in Missouri.



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I'm Julie Matthews, a 16-year veteran teacher, at Cape Central High School, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. In the summer of 2023, I was selected to be a part of the teacher externship by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. I had the opportunity to visit businesses in Southeast Missouri that do not require a college degree. These are good paying jobs with health care and retirement benefits. With the teacher externship experience, I can support and encourage students who intend to enter the workforce after graduation.



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I attended the Show Me Careers Teacher externship program in 2020 and 2022. Through those experiences I learned valuable information about the current state of the workforce in the St. Louis area and how I can help make a difference by preparing my students with real world skills. I applied again to attend Show Me Careers this year with a team from my school to further my understanding of the current workforce and bring this information into my classroom. I am fortunate to be on a team opening a personalized learning academy within our school that will focus on career exploration. Without being able to attend a teacher externship program like Show Me Careers I would not feel prepared or able to help my students explore different career needs and make connections in the community. One big take away I had from my experience was the Medical Imaging Program at St. Louis Community College Forest Park. This school year I am taking a group of my physics students to visit the campus, explore the career field of diagnostic imaging and to get to experience a college campus. I am 100% in support of teacher externships and wish more opportunities like Show Me Careers existed!



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I have been in education since 2012, right out of college. Like many other teachers, I never had a profession outside of the classroom. Because of this, I have a wrapped reality of the professional world. I hear stories from my family and friends, but it doesn't always hold value to teachers. As educators, we know our world, we know how the school system operates and we help students because it is what we love to do. Helping them also means being learners and sponges of knowledge ourselves. I want to teach this generation to be ready for anything the world has to metaphorically throw at them and what it offers. Programs like Show-Me Careers give teachers a different perspective of the world our students will step into. It allows us to become better for our students, who will step outside of the educational bubble one day and know there's more. As a teacher, my job is to educate them on this world so they can find success. I first attended the Show-Me Careers in the summer of 2022 and had just finished my first year of reentering the high school setting. The program opened my eyes to all the different paths our students can take and the opportunities Missouri has to offer students. I changed the way I approached different aspects of my classroom. I now have a careers board, highlighting different careers that differ after high school education. I can talk to my students about what I saw and experienced, I can be a resource to them. Most importantly, I talked to different professionals and realize that no matter what career path, my students needed certain soft skills to survive. Ones that aren't normally focused on in a classroom setting. This epiphany led me to add a Client-Connected Project into my class, incorporating more soft skills, and exposing students to different careers they might not have considered before. The continuation of this program and programs like it will help mold and change education for the better and with that ripple effect, our students, our state, and the future of all of us. I am excited to take part in this program again this summer, ready to learn about my community, grow as an educator, and lead my students to a successful future.



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I have attended Show Me Careers program in Cape Girardeau, MO for the last two summers. I am a high school special teacher and the externship program has been so helpful to both me and my students. The Show-Me Careers externship program has allowed me to speak with area businesses and learn relevant and important career pathway information that helps me to help my students set themselves up for success. Additionally, this has allowed me to learn what skills the area businesses are seeing with recent graduates, which can help me bridge the gap for my students to be better prepared employees in the future. The continuation of this legislation would continue to help provide professional development opportunities for myself, my colleagues, and other teachers to benefit both teachers and students alike.



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The teacher externship opportunities have opened teachers eyes to available careers for students. We need these opportunities to see what the world is like outside of the class and to know what we are preparing students for. I would love to see more oppourtunities like these come forward.



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I want to add my support of Representative Shield's bill to repeal the sunset provision for teacher externship programs set to expire in August, 2024. The Show-Me Careers externship that I participated in two years ago has been very valuable to me and my students, as well as many other educators and their students. There is such a need for STEM careers, and this program highlights many career opportunities and career paths for our students and how to achieve them. This helps our state and our young people. Let's keep up these valuable programs!



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I was able to be a part of an externship through Show-Me Careers last summer. The number of times that I have mentioned my experience in one of my classes is too high to count. Having the ability to tell my students exactly what employers are looking for after stepping into their facilities is a huge asset to teachers. Many students don't see the reason behind what we do and having first-hand knowledge to pass along to our students gives many of them a reason to continue their education to pursue a degree to one day earn a job that they want.



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As a educator who works in a district where students may not attend a four year university, attending a program like Show Me Careers was valuable in giving me the information to provide to our students. After attending this program in the summer of 2023, our school has plans to work in educational opportunities exposing our students to what is possible for their careers. We don't know what we don't know unfortunately, many of my students are not exposed to learning opportunities like such unless the school helps to bridge them with these experiences.



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As educators we are able to present many opportunities to students. One of those includes information about career choices available to students post graduation from high school. It's not too early to speak about these opportunities at any level because we never know when the spark might be ignited for a student. Having participated in an Externship last summer, my eyes were opened to opportunities in our very own community for students to pursue and it was valuable beyond what I was expecting.



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Hi, I attended the Show-Me Career with Brian C. and it was well-organized. I'm a counselor and I liked it a lot that I had followup with Boeing, Danforth Center, coming to talk to my school and I'm pursuing geospatial work after visiting T-Rex. NGA new headquarters 2026 will be a hit! Also, I share my experience with the community college talking to adult students wanting to get their GEDs, which is the now HiSet. The bottom line is by attending an externship program brought relevant career pathway information to me and the skills that students need to be successful in life! Thanks.



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Teacher Externships like Show Me Careers are a valuable resource for teachers. This program provided hands on, relevant career pathway information and showed me skills that students need to be successful in life. Continuing legislation like this will help provide professional development opportunities that can benefit both teachers and students.



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MSTA supports removing the sunset, continuing the opportunity for teachers to gain valuable insight into business and industry while at the same time potentially advancing on the salary schedule.



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As a lifelong educator and previous participant in the Show-Me Careers Educator Showcase, I wish to share my strong support for the continuation of teacher externships and similar programs that provide valuable industry knowledge and experience for our educators. With these experiences, we are able to more effectively prepare Missouri students for the workforce needs and challenges of tomorrow as well as connect our students with postsecondary opportunities in our own state. By attending an externship program like Show-Me Careers, I learned relevant career pathway information and am now able to share with students. The continuation of this legislation will help to provide professional development opportunities that can benefit both teachers and students alike.



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Externship programs are one way for educators to learn about a specific industry and begin building relationships to deepen and broaden industry engagement within a school. Partnerships with employers resulting from externships can then be leveraged to enhance work-based learning activities throughout the K-12 continuum. The externship experience offers an avenue for teachers to expand their industry-based knowledge and transfer this to the curriculum. The St. Joseph Chamber support HB1945 the removal of the sunset clause to allow continued education of teachers through industry engagement. St. Joseph School District and the Chamber of Commerce have partnered with local industry on a Teacher Externship for many years to expose teachers to real life experiences they can use in the classroom to educate students on opportunities in the community.



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I have participated with teacher externships at every level. I have participated in Show-Me Careers, helped organize experiences as a school counselor for the Career Education Consortium (Lee's Summit, Independence, Raytown, Center, Hickman Mills, and Grandview SD), and am planning an externship experience for the National Institute for Construction Excellence, Kansas City. Grant opportunities such as these ensure that educators and school districts have needed funding to fully comprehend the skills needed to be successful in today's workforce. This bill would ensure that educators have opportunities to continue to engage in relevant industry driven conversations about how STEM, English, and social/emotional skills are vital for employment success. I hope this bill can cut through the gridlock of the current legislative cycle as it should be an important component of education regardless of political affiliation. I urge the committee to pass unanimously and expedite placement on the House floor calendar. Respectfully, Nate Zier
 School Counselor - Herndon Career Center
 Executive Director - National Institute for Construction Excellence
 Greater Kansas City School Counselor Association - Government Relations Chair
 Missouri School Counselor Association - Government Relations Co-Chair
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 Missouri Association for Career Technical Education - Board Member/Government Relations Committee Member



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As the Assistant Principal of Notre Dame High School in Cape Girardeau, MO I had the pleasure of attending Show Me Careers this past summer. I cannot emphasize enough how much valuable information I received that has directly impacted our approach as an institution. The week we had with Show Me Careers was truly eye opening for me and others on my team. Yes, this week was great and absolutely needs to continue. Bringing something like this to the high school level would be an educational game changer for us here at Notre Dame.



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As a high school teacher I attended a Show-Me Careers externship and it has had a considerable impact on my ability to present relevant and useful information to my students on their post-secondary options. Missouri benefits when teachers are able to work with employers to get a better understanding of the skills that students need to be successful in life.



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I am writing this statement in testimony to say how much externships such as show me careers has done for students and staff in our communities. These externships give great career pathway notice for educators to inform our students of valuable openings and efforts they can make that are needed and valuable in our own areas. The skills that are asked and shown that are needed at these venues give light to let people know what is actually needed in the workforce where we live.



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The Show-Me Careers Educator Experience has been extremely valuable in providing me with valuable postsecondary opportunities to pass along to all students as well as educate our staff members on all the skills that students need to be successful in the workplace. Teachers are eager to prepare students for next steps but don't know what or how; the Show-Me Careers Educator Experience helps teachers with understanding those pieces. Please support HB 1945!



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Last summer I was able to participate in the 2023 Show-Me Careers program for a week in June. This experience was transformative for me as a high school math teacher in the suburbs of St. Louis. I teach mainly high school juniors and seniors and getting to see a variety of careers that are available to people that don't require a 4-year degree but still give people a fulfilling career, really opened my eyes to see what the possibilities are for my students. I have been able to enhance my teaching and conversations with my students both in a classroom setting and individually as a direct result of being a part of this program. I have also been able to offer students, parents, and colleagues guidance on future careers because of what I learned last June! Please allow these programs to continue to exist so that more and more students can be helped to find their way to being productive members of society!



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I am Opposed to extending this Program.