



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in Support of this Bill and its intension, However, I have concerns that "Stem Career Awareness" is duplicative in other programs and services being offered by several State Departments. I want to make sure that if this Bill is Passed, that it will be provided to all 518 Missouri Public School Districts. Schools in many Districts already provide these programs, After School Advancement, Gifted Programs, Sciences Fairs, Opportunities, Robotic Clubs with Sponsorship, Community Donations and Supplies. I heard Testimony of money being spent to pay Teachers for after school programming and projects, supplies and support, which would be very unfair to current School Districts already providing these programs and services on the Local Tax-Payer Dime. Let's be sure that we are being fair with this Program!



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While science, technology, engineering, and math are important education topics, this program would be incomplete without also considering the arts. STEAM is an educational framework that provides for more robust and fulfilling futures for our students. As an engineer myself, I understand and recognize the importance that the arts play in our society and in the work I do. I also worry that this program creates an unfunded mandate on our already struggling public education system. State funds must also be allocated toward these programs.