

HB 1627 -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Haley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill modifies the membership of the "Career and Technical Education Advisory Council" to include the commissioner of higher education or his or her designees. Currently, the Council has an individual from the business community with a background in commerce. This bill modifies that to four individuals from business and commerce.

Additional alterations to the current Council make-up are specified and the length of member terms is reduced from five to three years with no member serving more than two terms. Currently, the Council is required to meet four times annually. This bill reduces that requirement to two times annually and reporting requirements for the Council to the State Board of Education are repealed.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Career and Technical Council has evolved over time and these changes will add influential higher education partners as well as adding members of the business community. The change to meeting twice a year is a minimum and if there are pressing issues the council may meet more often.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Haley; and Perry Gorrell, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

OPPOSERS: 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.