

HB 1628 -- HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Haley

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

This bill updates provisions of statute that relate to the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development and repeals statutes for outdated programs.

Changes throughout the bill include changing the "Division of Workforce Development in the Department of Economic Development" to the "Office of Workforce Development in the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development" to reflect the current governance.

The bill repeals the following statutes relating to:

- (1) The "Career Readiness Course Task Force" dually enacted(Section 167.910, RSMo); and
- (2) The "Vietnam Veteran's Survivor Grant" which expired in 2015 (Section 173.236);

This bill is similar to HCS HB 606 (2025) and HB 2650 (2024).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill provides some necessary clean-up for outdated statutes and the majority of the language is merely technical changes to fix references from when the Division of Workforce Development was moved under the Department of Higher Education in 2019.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Haley and Leah Strid, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

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.