

HCS HB 2502 -- STUDENT SCHOOL RECORDS

SPONSOR: Kelley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 18 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 10 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2502.

This bill clarifies that when a charter school closes, the student records for the school must be transferred to the school district in which the charter is located for archival purposes.

The bill authorizes the State Board of Education to provide a method as outlined in the bill, for private, parochial, or parish schools to file transcripts and other student records with a repository if the nonpublic school closes.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that when private schools close there is often no way for former students to have access to transcripts or records. This bill will provide guidelines on where those records should be maintained. This is important for charters and should be part of the contract process.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Kelley and Missouri National Education Association;

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.