

HCS HB 1802 -- HEARINGS ON A STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SPONSOR: Kingery (Wilson, 130)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Higher
Education by a vote of 6 to 1.

This substitute specifies that the appeal of a ruling on student
eligibility for extracurricular activities by a school that is a
member of an association that regulates extracurricular
activities may bypass the administrative hearing process as long
as due process has been observed. Due process includes the right
to a new trial in a circuit court.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and
FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Missouri State High School
Activities Association needs to have a process that lets
objective outsiders oversee its decisions at some point. The
bill will give a student athlete access to the same process that
a suspended or expelled student has.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wilson (130); and L.
Joe Scott.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that if decisions are
arbitrary and capricious, they are already able to be challenged
in court. The bill could result in higher legal expenses.

Testifying against the bill were Thomas Mickes; Ben Lewis; and
Missouri Council of School Administrators.