

HCS HB 631 -- MISSOURI TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Kingery (Jones, 89)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, the Missouri Teaching Fellows Program provides scholarships for certain students who have at least a 3.0 on their college grade point average (GPA). This substitute raises the required GPA to 3.25.

The substitute also adds a teacher who first obtains a license after August 28, 2009, who is hired and agrees to teach for five years in a district that is not accredited to those eligible for a scholarship under the program.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$2,500 in FY 2010, \$52,500 in FY 2011, and \$105,180 in FY 2012. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that opening the program to new graduates of public higher education institutions who were not able to access it during college will expand the pool of eligible teachers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Jones (89); and Senator Smith.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.