

HB 2693 -- A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Barnes

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 9 to 3.

This bill allows a qualifying student of a nonpublic school to be eligible for reimbursement of post secondary education through the A+ program, as specified in the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say this bill would ensure all students in the state are treated equally in regard to A+.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Barnes.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say there is concern this legislation would drastically affect the ability to fund the A+ program.

Testifying against the bill was the Missouri Community College Association.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the A+ program is an effective program currently and if we move in the direction of allowing it for private school students we need to ensure it stays that way.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri NEA.