



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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BILL NUMBER: HB 1928		DATE: 2/22/2022	
COMMITTEE: Elementary and Secondary Education			
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The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce supports expanding licensing opportunities for teachers who teach in areas in which it is difficult to recruit teachers. This is one opportunity to expand the pool of available teachers for our future workforce.



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Chairman Basye and members of the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education: On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1500-member businesses, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 1928. Missouri has made significant process to support workforce development and become more competitive with other states. HB 1928 would continue that progress and further support these efforts. Developing and training the state's future workforce is the key to our economic growth. Visiting scholar certificates have been an effective way for industry professionals to teach in classroom settings and share their expertise with students. The Springfield Chamber has supported visiting scholar certificates because of the business and industry connections they can make for students. Beyond the proposal in HB 1928, we encourage you to consider further improving access by repealing the employment requirement, which would allow retired professionals to teach in these settings. Removing this requirement could give students greater access to business and industry professionals and provide real-world training in a time where employers are facing a severe lack of skilled and trained workers. This change would help improve areas like student employment readiness, job training, higher education and more, which enhances the state's workforce development efforts. We encourage your support of HB 1928 and the potential inclusion of this additional provision. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Matt Morrow President and CEO Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 202 S John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806



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DESE supports the expansion of visiting scholars.			



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The Missouri Association of School Administrators would like to go on record in support of HB 1928.



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HB 1928 expands the Visiting Scholars teaching certificate to allow the State Board of Education to grant temporary teaching certificates that will enable school leaders to employ subject-matter experts in hard-to-staff schools or hard-to-teach subject areas. Data from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) highlights areas of need from across the state. One of the most egregious shortage areas is high school physics. From October 2020 to December 2021, DESE issued two teaching certificates in physics. At the same time, there were 155 less than fully qualified teachers reported teaching physics in Missouri. Shortages are not limited to mathematics and science. Content areas such as fine arts and foreign language are also seeing fewer prospective teachers with teaching certificates in those areas. From October 2020 to December 2021, DESE issued only 34 teaching certificates for Spanish and 7 for French. Traditional educator preparation programs alone will not be able to meet this demand. In the last decade, the number of graduates from educator preparation programs has declined by approximately 25% (4,795 in 2010-11 to 3,651 in 2019-20). Students deserve every opportunity for access to courses and teachers that will help prepare them for success after graduation. HB 1928 will give school leaders additional options to help meet teacher shortage needs and bring qualified professionals to the classroom to share their skills and expertise.