

HCS HBs 405 & 381 -- HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DEGREE TESTING

SPONSOR: Gannon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires, subject to appropriations, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to subsidize at least 50% of the examination fee for first-time high school equivalency test takers and allows the department to subsidize up to 100% of the fee for first-time test takers.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill increases the number of potential test takers by making the examination fee more financially achievable.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gannon; JG Foundation; and Missouri National Education Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.