

HB 1105 -- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SPONSOR: McManus

This bill requires quality rating systems for early childhood education to be in compliance with criteria established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education through rules established under Chapter 536 and repeals the current requirement that the authority to operate, establish, or maintain such a system only occurs after enactment into law through a bill, initiative petition, or referendum.

The bill repeals various provisions including:

- 1) Certain provisions prohibiting specified entities from promulgating or establishing rules, programs, policies, guidelines, or plans or making changes to quality rating systems for early childhood education unless receiving authority by enactment into law through a bill, initiative petition, or referendum;
- 2) Certain provisions specifying that any Missouri taxpayer or any member of the General Assembly has standing to bring suit against a specified entity which violated these provisions;
- 3) Provisions specifying that the section must not be construed to limit the content of early childhood education courses, research, or training carried out by any public institution of higher education; and
- 4) Provisions prohibiting a course on quality rating systems or training quality assurance systems from being a requirement for certification by the state as an individual child care provider or any licensing requirement that may be established for an individual child care provider.