

HCS HB 1658 -- COMPASSIONATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ACT (Frederick)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

This bill creates the Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Act and designates August 28, 2016, as "Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Day" in Missouri. Citizens are encouraged to participate in activities and events to increase awareness regarding medical student wellbeing.

A medical school may not restrict any specified organization from conducting a study of the prevalence of mental health issues among medical students or punishing a specified organization or student for any involvement with such a study.

The bill creates the Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Research Project Committee, specifies the tasks of the committee, and permits medical schools in the state to collaborate with the committee to conduct a study of how to reduce medical student depression and suicide. The requirements of any study conducted under the provisions of the bill are specified and the committee is required to produce an annual report that must be made available on each medical school's website and provided to the General Assembly.

The bill contains an emergency clause.