

HB 2644 -- SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

SPONSOR: Rowland (29)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 11 to 1.

This bill provides that beginning July 1, 2018, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall pay monthly, out of appropriated funds for that purpose, to each sheltered workshop a sum determined by specified criteria, but no less than \$21 per day for each handicapped employee. The bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this will assist sheltered workshops and their handicapped employees by promoting financial stability in the monthly funds received from the state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rowland; Kit Brewer, Missouri Sheltered Workshop Managers Association; and Brian Hogan, Blue Valley Industries.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.