

HCS HB 1928 -- TEACHING CERTIFICATES

SPONSOR: Pollitt (52)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 20 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1928.

This bill expands on the current licensing process for the visiting scholars teacher certification by allowing individuals to obtain a certification to teach if they are employed by a district as part of an initiative designed to fill vacant positions in hard-to-staff schools or subject areas.

The bill will allow provisionally certified teachers an alternative route to achieve their full professional certification beyond the qualifying score on a designated exam, the details of the alternative route are included in the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 1448 (2021) and 2435 (2020).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this language will increase who may participate in the visiting scholar program and will help districts staff specific areas of critical need.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pollitt; John Jenks, KC Chamber; Matt Morrow, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Association of School Administrators; Aligned; and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.