

HCS HB 2008 -- INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

SPONSOR: Schwadron

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 16 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2008.

This bill requires that beginning in the 2023-24 school year that all school districts and charter schools post on the school's website the approved school curriculum that will be used for pupil instruction. Any changes to the curriculum must be updated on the website within 30 days and notice must be provided in a form of written communication with parents. Any curriculum that is trademarked or copyrighted may not be widely disseminated to the public.

The bill outlines a cause of action to require that the school board comply and if any resident prevails in a cause of action the bill provides that attorney fees shall be paid up to \$15,000.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill language is necessary for parents to have access to the materials that students are being indoctrinated with in the public schools. This bill will provide additional transparency for parents and allow them to determine if the teachers are teaching students values that do not align with their own. There are many districts that are refusing to provide materials or allow parents to have access to what they are teaching students. Curriculum should not be "living" and it should be consistent between years so that there is equity.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schwadron; Amber Crawford; Cedric Lee; Lillian Yang; Matt Crawford; Andrew Wells, No Left Turn In Education; Amber Crawford; Arnie C. AC Dienoff; Barbra Whittington; Elijah Erlebach; Judi Gambino; Matt Crawford; Paul John Kolak; Sheila Stegeman; St Charles County Parents Association, St Charles County Parents Association; Tracy Welborn; Virginia Day; Hannah Huff; and Ashley Lawson, Missouri Prosper.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the language is not practical or workable in the real teaching world. Lesson plans are developed to specifically target where students are at in the

moment and must be adjusted to fit the needs of the students. Often lesson plans might be different for different classes of the same subject based on which class had an assembly or disruption. This will further drive away quality educators from the industry

Testifying against the bill were Christine Dalton; Kathy Neely; Mary Ellen Buddemeyer; Riva Capellari; Sandra Mikulich; Mary Lindsay; Missouri Association of School Administrators; Daniel Lamping; Missouri NEA; Claudia Jenkins; Debra Connell-Dent; James Janes; Jenna Roberson; Pro Choice Missouri; Melanie Busse; Ian Wrobel; Amy Rhoades; Christopher A Cordonier; Jamie May; Jarrett Pillsbury; Kelly Edinger; Maria Tolliver; Mary Ann Wynkoop; Meredyth Schroyer, MMS, Pa-C; Michelle Shepherd; Nichole Brinkmann; Scott Mckellar; Stephanie Huffaker; Stephanie Rittgers; and Teresa Johnson.

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.