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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** **HB 641**  
**DATE** 3/18/02  
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## **HB 641**

HB 641 clarifies that state appropriations made for vocational education purposes may be used to make payments, rather than reimbursements, to high schools conducting vocational education programs.

HB 641 is effective July 1, 2002.

MDE requested this bill and reported in the House and Senate Education Committees that the bill simply allows funds to be sent to districts to be expended for costs/expenditures approved in the federal Smith-Hughes Act, rather than the district incurring expenses and having to request reimbursement. MDE stated that the bill will save on paperwork associated with the reimbursement procedures.

I have not heard of or received any opposition to this bill.

**NOTE: HB 641 AND SB 2286 ARE IDENTICAL BILLS.  
SB 2286 HAS ALREADY CROSSED YOUR DESK. IF YOU  
SIGNED SB 2286, YOU NEED TO VETO HB 641.**

Representative Warren introduced HB 641 and Senator Harden introduced SB 2286.