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## Senator David Pearce Encourages International Education

*Resolution Receives Senate Hearing*

JEFFERSON CITY— A resolution promoting international education, sponsored by Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg), received a hearing this week in the Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee.

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 13](#) encourages students and faculty to promote international education at Missouri colleges and universities. This includes increasing study abroad opportunities, improving foreign language instruction and exposing Missouri students to a diverse educational environment.

International students and their families contributed more than \$237 million to the state's economy, and more than \$8.6 million to the local Warrensburg economy during the 2007–2008 academic year, illustrating the importance of continuing to make Missouri a desirable educational destination for students around the world.

“Gaining a broad perspective of the world and its many different cultures is one of the best things students can do to prepare themselves for their future careers and add to their own personal enrichment,” Sen. Pearce said. “It should be the goal of our colleges and universities to arm graduates with the essential cross-cultural skills they will need to succeed in a global workforce.”



*Heather Hoel, Director of International Student and Scholar Services at the University of Central Missouri, testified on behalf of Senator Pearce's resolution.*

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