

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****January 2016**

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

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## DEPARTMENT GOAL NOS. 1 AND 4:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.

## SUMMARY:

The following material contains filed bills relating to education for the 2016 legislative session. The reports relating to the filed bills will be distributed at the meeting.

## PRESENTER(S):

Constance Rush, Director of Legislative Outreach, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
<b>SENATE BILLS</b>			
SB 571	Pearce	<p>Identifies four designations of accreditation for school districts. Requires the State Board to adopt a system of classification that accredits individual attendance centers within a district separately from the district as a whole.</p> <p>Requires State Board to classify charter schools and the virtual public school.</p> <p>Permits a student who is enrolled in and attends for at least one semester an unaccredited school in an unaccredited district who is unable to transfer to an accredited school in the district of residence to transfer to an accredited school in an accredited district in the same or an adjoining county or an approved charter school.</p> <p>Prohibits unaccredited and provisionally accredited school districts and schools from receiving transfer students (unless a student chooses to attend a provisionally accredited school within the student's resident unaccredited school district).</p> <p>Permits a school district or approved charter school that receives transfer students to negotiate and accept a reduced tuition rate.</p> <p>Creates three separate education authorities, throughout the state, to coordinate student transfers.</p>	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 582	Munzlinger	Modifies the composition of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council and the appointing authority.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 586	Wasson	Modifies the definition of "current operating expenditures" for the purposes of calculating state aid for schools so that, when used to recalculate the state adequacy target, any increase in state funding attributable to an individual district is limited to two hundred percent of the aggregate percentage increase in state funding for all of the performance districts used in the same recalculation.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 592	Parson	Removes the authority granting school districts the option to set school-start dates more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 609	Emery	Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program. Contributors may claim a tax credit and funds must be contributed to an educational assistance organization. A student is eligible to receive the funds if the student is identified as having a disability or a ward of the state.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 610	Emery	Repeals the criteria that a school board uses when placing teachers on leave of absence because of a decrease in student enrollment, district reorganization, or financial condition. Repeals a provision governing the St. Louis City School District that requires when particular subjects or courses of instruction are eliminated, the teachers of those subjects or courses not be placed on leave of absence if they are qualified to teach other subjects or courses and a position is available.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 633	Sifton	<p>Identifies four designations of accreditation for school districts. Requires the State Board to adopt a system of classification that accredits individual attendance centers within a district separately from the district as a whole. Requires an expedited classification process for unaccredited and provisionally accredited school districts.</p> <p>Permits a student who is enrolled in and attends for at least one semester an unaccredited school in an unaccredited district who is unable to transfer to an accredited school in the district of residence to transfer to an accredited school in an accredited district in the same or an adjoining county or an approved charter school.</p> <p>Prohibits school districts and schools with 3-year average APR of 75% or lower, regardless of accreditation classification, from accepting transfer students.</p> <p>Permits receiving districts accepting the reduced tuition that have enrolled a minimum of 25 transfer students and those students' growth measures have met or exceed MSIP targets, to earn additional credit in academic achievement on its annual performance report for each of the first two full school years.</p> <p>Creates three separate education authorities, throughout the state, to coordinate student transfers.</p> <p>Provides expedited opportunities for high-quality (APR at least 80% or greater for 3 of 4 years, 80% or greater graduation rate, etc.) charter schools to replicate and expand.</p> <p>Requires Department to employ a dyslexia therapist.</p>	Referred: Senate Education Committee

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 638	Riddle	<p>Creates the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative."</p> <p>Repeals the current graduation requirement that requires students to satisfactorily pass an examination on the provisions and principles of the United States and the Missouri constitutions, American history, and American institutions.</p> <p>Requires students attending a public, charter, or private school and those seeking a high school equivalency certificate, prior to receiving a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate to satisfactorily pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.</p>	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 646	Schupp	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop training guidelines and school districts to adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention education.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 651	Keaveny	<p>Modifies the definition of "current operating expenditures" for the purposes of calculating state aid for schools so that, when used to recalculate the state adequacy target, any increase in state funding attributable to an individual district is limited to two hundred percent of the aggregate percentage increase in state funding for all of the performance districts used in the same recalculation.</p> <p>Specifies that charter schools become eligible receive state funding for early childhood at the same time as the district in which they are located becomes eligible.</p>	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/7/16
SB 672	Chappelle-Nadal	Requires any course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases be based on peer reviewed projects. Requires course materials and instruction present abstinence as the preferred choice in relation to all sexual activity as the only sure way to avoid pregnancy or sexually transmitted infections. Requires course materials and instruction present students with the latest medically factual information about the health benefits and side effects of all contraceptives and barrier methods.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 697	Sifton	Creates the Missouri Parent/Teacher Involvement Program to provide grant awards to schools to develop and build trusting relationships between families and school staff. Requires each school board to adopt a policy on parental involvement in schools.	First Read 1/6/16

<b>BILL</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BILL STATUS</b>
SB 711	Brown	Requires thirty minutes of CPR instruction and training in high school prior to graduation. Requires CPR training be included in health or physical education curriculum.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 713	Chappelle-Nadal	Creates the Missouri Teen Dating Violence Prevention Education Act to educate teens about dating and domestic violence. Permits districts and charter schools to establish age-appropriate curriculum to educate students about domestic violence.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 714	Chappelle-Nadal	Limits members of the State Board of Education to two terms.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 719	Emery	Requires the State Board of Education to develop a simplified annual school report card based on letter grades.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 720	Emery	Requires all public school restrooms, locker rooms, and shower rooms be designated for and used by male or female students only. Permits alternative restrooms, locker rooms, and shower rooms for students who assert that his or her gender is different from his or her biological sex.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 727	Sifton	Restricts the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from creating MSIP reports that include data of any children in facilities serving neglected children or delinquent children unless there is an annotation and an explanation.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 728	Sifton	Modifies the definition of bullying to include intimidation or harassment that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception, or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of school. Removes the prohibition on identifying lists of protected classes of students in required anti-bullying policies. Modifies the components school districts must include in their anti-bullying policies.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 747	Nasheed	Requires the St. Louis City and Kansas City school districts to implement reading plans for struggling students prior to promotion to third grade. Allows promotion to third grade only if one of three conditions is met. Requires SLPS, KCPS, and each charter school located in those districts to publish the percentages by grade of any students who have been promoted despite having been determined as reading below grade level.	First Read 1/6/16

<b>BILL</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BILL STATUS</b>
SB 748	Nasheed	Modifies the definition of bullying to include intimidation or harassment that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception, or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of school. Defines cyberbullying. Modifies the components school districts must include in their anti-bullying policies.	First Read 1/6/16
SB 753	Dixon	Allows Greene County, or any city within the county, to impose a sales tax, upon voter approval, to fund early childhood education.	First Read 1/6/16

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 764	Chappelle-Nadal	<p>Identifies four designations of accreditation for school districts. Requires the State Board to adopt a system of classification that accredits individual attendance centers within a district separately from the district as a whole. Requires an expedited classification process for unaccredited and provisionally accredited school districts.</p> <p>Permits a student who is enrolled in and attends for at least one semester an unaccredited school in an unaccredited district who is unable to transfer to an accredited school in the district of residence to transfer to an accredited school in an accredited district in the same or an adjoining county or an approved charter school.</p> <p>Prohibits school districts and schools with 3-year average APR of 75% or lower, regardless of accreditation classification, from accepting transfer students.</p> <p>Permits receiving districts accepting the reduced tuition that have enrolled a minimum of 25 transfer students and those students' growth measures have met or exceed MSIP targets, to earn additional credit in academic achievement on its annual performance report for each of the first two full school years.</p> <p>Creates three separate education authorities, throughout the state, to coordinate student transfers.</p> <p>Provides expedited opportunities for high-quality charter schools to replicate and expand.</p> <p>Requires Department to employ a dyslexia therapist.</p> <p>Allows a student to enroll in a virtual school of choice if the student is enrolled in and has attended for at least one semester immediately prior to enrolling, any of the following: an unaccredited school in any district, any school in an unaccredited or provisionally accredited school district, any school in a district within Jackson or St. Louis counties or St. Louis city.</p>	First Read 1/6/16
SB 809	Sifton	Requires each public school to screen each student for dyslexia and related disorders	First Read 1/6/16
SB 827	Sifton	Creates the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia to make recommendations for a statewide system for identification, intervention, and delivery of supports for students with dyslexia.	First Read 1/6/16

HOUSE BILLS			
HB 1367	Hubrecht	Prohibits the Department from accepting any funds from the federal government that include conditions without approval by a House or Senate Concurrent Resolution. Prohibits the Department from submitting any plan to any federal agency without the approval of the house and senate committees on elementary and secondary education. Prohibits the Department from implementing any strategic plan or improvement effort agency without the approval of the house and senate committees on elementary and secondary education.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1368	Hubrecht	Establishes the Committee on Schools for the Severely Disabled to examine state and federal regulations that affect the operations of the schools for the severely disabled and provide recommendations.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1369	Miller	Prohibits local school districts from setting an opening date for the school term that is more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September for school year 2017-18 and for subsequent years.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1383	English	Expands the A+ Schools Program to graduates of any high school, public or private, that meets the program requirements.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1384	English	Allows school districts to discipline students for cyberbullying that occurs off campus.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1416	Houghton	Prohibits local school districts from choosing an opening date for the school term that is earlier than September first for school year 2017-2018 and for subsequent years.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1419	Pfautsch	Prohibits school districts from determining whether a student is gifted based on the student's participation in an advanced placement course or international baccalaureate course. Determination must be based on the statutory definition of "gifted children." Decreases state funding to school districts with decreases in gifted program enrollment of twenty percent or more from the previous year.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1420	Walker	Changes the laws regarding school employee retirement to reinstate a certain retirement allowance rate.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1427	Sommer	Requires school districts to post certain financial information on the district's website for free public access.	Second Read 1/7/16

HB 1429	Sommer	Changes the laws regarding the school funding formula by adding an additional weight for each gifted student to the calculation of the school district's weighted average daily attendance.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1430	Sommer	Specifies continuing education training for school board members, with additional training required for members serving districts with provisional accreditation.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1451	Wood	Requires charter schools to meet current state academic performance standards. Requires the Department to exercise its financial withholding authority when a sponsor notifies a charter school of non-renewal or revocation of the charter. Requires charter schools to satisfy all of its financial obligations within twelve months of notice from the sponsor of non-renewal or revocation of the charter.  Allows approved charter schools (charter schools that have existed for less than three years or a charter school with a three-year average score of seventy percent or higher on its APR) to accept transfer students from unaccredited school districts.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1458	Butler	Creates the Missouri Parent/Teacher Involvement Program to provide grant awards to schools to develop and build trusting relationships between families and school staff. Requires each school board to adopt a policy on parental involvement in schools.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1478	Entlicher	Modifies the bonding requirement regarding sureties for the treasurer of a seven-director school district.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1491	Gray	Establishes a program on police officer presence in schools and communities to increase positive social interaction between youth and law enforcement officers.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1498	Gray	Establishes a community schools grant program in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jackson County, and Kansas City. Requires the Department to develop a state plan for community education that sets forth the goals and objectives of the program and establishes a system of priorities for targeting available resources.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1499	Gray	Establishes a Council for Community Education within the Department to conduct feasibility studies on the establishment of community education programs within the state.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1500	Gray	Allows schools to incorporate criminal justice instruction into curriculum.	Second Read 1/7/16

HB 1546	Lauer	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop training guidelines and school districts to adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention education.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1580	McNeal	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a grant program to extend instructional time in underperforming school districts.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1583	Allen	Modifies the definition of bullying to include intimidation or harassment that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception, or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of school. Modifies the components school districts must include in their anti-bullying policies. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop training guidelines and school districts to adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention education.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1589	Koenig	Authorizes a tax credit for donations to a fund established for the provision of scholarships to foster care children.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1597	Newman	Creates the offense of making a threat to the security of a building or a public school (class C felony until 12/31/16 and a class D felony on and after 1/1/17).	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1601	Ruth	Requires a teacher representative (employed full-time as a teacher) be appointed to the state board of education. The teacher representative will not have the right to vote on any matter or be counted in establishing a quorum.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1602	Ruth	Requires vacancies on a school board to be filled by the county executive when there are two or more vacancies in a county without a county commission.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1611	Swan	Requires the Department to develop a process for recognition of a school district's academic and career counseling program where school districts have decided to establish one in cooperation with parents and the local community.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1612	Swan	Requires the State Board of Education to establish minimum requirements for a career and technical education certificate that a student can earn in addition to his or her high school diploma.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1613	Swan	Requires school districts to develop a system for identifying students, in their ninth grade year, who are at risk of not being ready for college-level work or entry-level career positions. Requires academic and career counseling to take place prior to graduation.	Second Read 1/7/16

HB 1621	Haahr	<p>Creates the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative."</p> <p>Repeals the current graduation requirement that requires students to satisfactorily pass an examination on the provisions and principles of the United States and the Missouri constitutions, American history, and American institutions.</p> <p>Requires students attending a public, charter, or private school and those seeking a high school equivalency certificate, prior to receiving a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate to satisfactorily pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.</p>	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1624	Cookson	Requires school districts to designate bathrooms and other facilities as for the exclusive use of individuals of one sex and to prohibit individuals from accessing facilities that do not correspond to their sex.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1625	Cookson	Increases funding under the school funding formula for school districts with an assessed valuation per student that fell within the lowest 10% of all school districts in the 2004-05 school year.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1626	Cookson	Raises the minimum teacher salary from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the 2017-18 school year and subsequent years, subject to appropriation.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1627	Cookson	Caps school superintendent salaries (excludes SLPS and KCPS) to no more than four times the salary and benefits of an entry level teacher in that school district and requires school employee salaries be reported to local newspapers for publication.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1628	Cookson	Clarifies that individual school board members have no legal authority to act on behalf of the board.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1636	Love	Prohibits public schools that hold classes during the Missouri State Fair from receiving any state funding.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1643	Hicks	Makes CPR instruction a high school graduation requirement.	Second Read 1/7/16

HB 1646	Swan	Creates the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative."  Repeals the current graduation requirement that requires students to satisfactorily pass an examination on the provisions and principles of the United States and the Missouri constitutions, American history, and American institutions.  Requires students attending a public, charter, or private school and those seeking a high school equivalency certificate, prior to receiving a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate to satisfactorily pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1656	Dunn	Requires training in suicide awareness and prevention for public school teachers.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1667	Swan	Specifies that charter schools become eligible to receive state funding for early childhood education at the same time as the district in which they are located becomes eligible.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1670	English	Allows a school district to authorize its schools to observe a moment of silence in individual classrooms.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1683	Cookson	Prohibits local school districts from setting an opening date for the school term that is more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September for school year 2017-18 and for subsequent years.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1696	Rowland	Requires the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide grants to organizations that provide services to deaf-blind persons.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1699	Lant	Establishes the School Construction Act which exempts construction and maintenance work done for certain school districts from the prevailing wage requirement upon the school board's approval.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1709	Lair	Modifies provisions relating to the teacher and school employee retirement allowance in the instance of a dissolution.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1710	Lair	Modifies provisions relating to the teacher and school employee retirement allowance regarding part-time work.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1720	Swan	Replaces the currently required salary schedule that applies to all teachers with a compensation plan.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1734	Davis	Requires teachers to be certified in CPR.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1747	Lynch	Changes and expands the Farm-to School Act to the Farm-to-Table Program to include correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, and military bases.	Second Read 1/7/16

HB 1750	Roden	Specifies that the Pledge of Allegiance must be recited at least once per school day in schools supported by public funds.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1755	Bahr	Specifies that parental liberty to direct the upbringing, education, and care of his or her children is a fundamental right not subject to infringement without demonstrating a compelling governmental interest.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1780	Fitzwater	Specifies that school teacher and employee retirement allowances must not exceed 2.55% of the member's final average salary for each year of service if the member's service is 31 years or more.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1792	Lauer	Adds making a terrorist threat and statutory rape to the list of offenses that school administrators must report.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1849	Pogue	Prohibits school districts from collecting biometric information on students without the express written consent of parents or legal guardians.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1871	Cookson	Requires school financial audits to contain certain information relating to extracurricular activities within the school district.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1879	Hubrecht	Places a cap of \$6,000 on the state adequacy target used to determine state aid to schools.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1888	Dogan	Establishes education savings accounts.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1905	Newman	Requires any course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases be based on peer reviewed projects.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1928	Burlison	Creates the "Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia" and requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to employ a dyslexia specialist and develop professional development programs.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1943	Wood	Repeals the requirement for a minimum number of school days. Limits the amount of time students take required statewide assessments to two percent of the school term. Establishes the Committee on the Education Formula to recommend a new formula for funding K-12 education. Limits the amount of summer school hours claimed for state-aid reimbursement to 120 hours for any student. Allows school districts that are unaccredited or provisionally accredited and charter schools operating in those districts to extend the school term by 120 hours.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1946	Spencer	Establishes the Student Accountability Act that gives those students with certain scores on an assessment a notation on their high school diploma.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1947	Spencer	Relating to school compliance with statutes Allows school districts to be excused from compliance with certain statutes in the event of withholding of funds by the governor	Second Read 1/7/16

HB 1948	Spencer	Changes the law on school funding so that the exemption from compliance with certain statutes by school districts in the event of withholding of funds by the governor is permanent.	Second Read 1/7/16
HJR 59	Lauer	Proposes a constitutional amendment regarding when and the amount that a school district in a first classification charter county can become indebted.	Second Read 1/7/16
HJR 64	Dohrman	Proposes a constitutional amendment requiring members of the State Board of Education to be elected by voters instead of being appointed by the Governor.	Second Read 1/7/16