

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

December 2014

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 161.092, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 4:

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

SUMMARY:

The following material contains a summary of the action taken during the meeting(s) of the work group convened to examine existing charter school law, and the pre-filled bills relating to education for the 2015 legislative session. The reports relating to the work group and pre-filled bills will be distributed at the meeting.

PRESENTER(S):

Mark Allan Van Zandt, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

Charter Schools Work Group December 2014

The workgroup convened to explore the state's existing charter school law and provide recommendations concluded with its final meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

The group considered several topics and addressed those it deemed most critical to the success of charter schools in the state.

Points of Consensus

Charter School Assets

Academic Expectations

Charter School Renewal/Reapplication

Approval of New Charters

Academic Performance

Points Addressed – Limited Consensus

Charter Board Training

Nonrenewal

Pre-School Lottery

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Date: 12-4-2014

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 1	Pearce	<p>Identifies four designations of accreditation for school districts. Mandates that the State Board, when assigning classification designations to school districts, use one of the four identified accreditation designations. 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>Creates the "School Transfer and Improvement Task Force." Modifies the State Board's intervention powers in unaccredited school districts. Modifies student promotion in underperforming school districts.</p> <p>Repeals the statutory provision which requires the school board of a school district that does not maintain an accredited school to pay the transportation costs of resident students who attend an accredited school in another district of the same or adjoining county. Modifies the rate of tuition to be paid by sending districts. Establishes the Supplemental Tuition Fund.</p> <p>Permits student transfers to nonsectarian private school. As a condition of receiving state aid, an unaccredited district must use funds from the operating levy for school purposes to pay tuition for students attending nonsectarian private schools.</p> <p>Creates three separate education authorities, throughout the state, to coordinate student transfers.</p>	Prefiled
SB 6	Keaveny	<p>Modifies how the calculation of a school district current operating expenditures is used to determine the state adequacy target. Modifies provisions relating to the receiving of state funds for early childhood education.</p>	Prefiled
SB 7	Keaveny	<p>Repeals the separate calculation used for hold-harmless school districts with an average daily attendance of 350 or less.</p>	Prefiled
SB 13	Munzlinger	<p>Modifies the composition and the appointment process of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council.</p>	Prefiled
SB 14	Munzlinger	<p>Requires all departments and divisions of the state, including statewide offices, to post copies of contracts entered into for the provision of legal services from outside firms on the Missouri Accountability Portal.</p>	Prefiled
SB 16	Dixon	<p>Prohibits gubernatorial appointees from serving more than sixty days after the expiration of their term of office.</p>	Prefiled

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 22	Chappelle-Nadal	<p>Changes the definition of "graduation rate" to be the graduation rate determined by the annual performance report required by the Missouri School Improvement Program.</p> <p>Requires the State Board of Education to classify the school districts as unaccredited, provisionally accredited, accredited, or accredited with distinction.</p> <p>Creates the "School Transfer and Improvement Task Force."</p> <p>Permits student transfers to nonsectarian private school. As a condition of receiving state aid, an unaccredited district must use funds from the operating levy for school purposes to pay tuition for students attending nonsectarian private schools.</p>	Prefiled
SB 23	Chappelle-Nadal	Requires a parent or guardian to notify a school district, or the governing body of a private or charter school, that he or she owns a firearm within 30 days of enrolling the child in school or becoming the owner of a firearm.	Prefiled
SB 27	Emery	Requires the State Board of Education to develop a simplified annual school report card for each school attendance center. Limits teacher tenure to teachers first hired by a district before August 28, 2015. Requires performance-based evaluations be done annually for each teacher and administrator. Requires each school district to develop and adopt a performance salary schedule.	Prefiled
SB 29	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.	Prefiled
SB 49	Sifton	<p>Requires the State Board of Education to classify the school districts as either unaccredited, provisionally accredited, accredited, or accredited with distinction. Requires the State Board of Education must adopt a system of classification that accredits individual school buildings within a district separately from the district as a whole.</p> <p>Creates the Missouri Parent/Teacher Involvement Program. Modifies the intervention powers of the State Board of Education.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to identify at least one accredited district to which an unaccredited district must provide transportation. Creates three separate regional education authorities to coordinate student transfers from unaccredited districts to accredited districts.</p>	Prefiled
SB 64	Emery	Requires the State Board of Education to classify the school districts as either unaccredited, provisionally accredited, accredited, or accredited with distinction.	Prefiled
SB 65	Emery	Creates the Equal Opportunity Scholarship Program to grant scholarships to students from unaccredited school districts for certain educational costs.	Prefiled

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 70	LeVota	Prohibits the State Board of Education from classifying a school district as unaccredited or reclassifying an accredited district as provisionally accredited when there is no State Board of Education member who is a resident of the congressional district in which the school district is located. Modifies other provisions relating to school accreditation.	Prefiled
SB 71	LeVota	Requires the Department of Higher Education to establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the student's portion of fees for any dual credit courses taken by the student. Students must attend an A+ designated public high school for one year, have made a good faith effort to secure available federal aid, and earn a minimal grade point average while in high school, as determined by Department rule.	Prefiled
SB 72	Nasheed	Dis-incorporates all villages in St. Louis County beginning January 1, 2015 and provides that the area comprising the former villages may not be incorporated or annexed by a city.	Prefiled
SB 84	Chappelle-Nadal	Establishes term limits for the State Board of Education.	Prefiled
SB 108	Romine	Modifies provisions relating to state funding for small school districts.	Prefiled
HB 41	Wood	Removes portions of the school funding formula that are no longer relevant due to the passage of time.	Prefiled
HB 42	Wood	Establishes a system of school accreditation by building rather than by district and establishes standards for student transfers.	Prefiled
HB 43	Wood	Establishes guidelines for statewide student assessments.	Prefiled
HB 54	Walton Gray	Allows schools to incorporate criminal justice instruction into the curriculum.	Prefiled
HB 61	Walton Gray	Requires the juvenile court to consider school attendance in lieu of the juvenile being detained or fined for misdemeanor violations, violating an ordinance, or as a condition of probation.	Prefiled
HB 72	Walton Gray	Establishes a program on police officer presence in schools and communities within the Department of Public Safety.	Prefiled
HB 87	Walton Gray	Establishes a community schools grant program in St. Louis County, Jackson County, and Kansas City.	Prefiled
HB 89	Walton Gray	Establishes a Council for Community Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.	Prefiled
HJR 6	Lauer	Proposes a constitutional amendment regarding when and the amount that a school district in a first classification charter county can become indebted.	Prefiled