

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****February 2016****GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

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ItemReport  
Item**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.

**PRESENTER:**

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.	Bill Combined (w/SCS SBs 620 & 582) 1/27/16
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.	Public Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/10/16
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 620	Romine	Modifies composition of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council and requires said council to establish minimum requirement for a career and technical education certificate	Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Third Reading 2/11/16

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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 1/7/16
SB 638	Riddle	<p>Creates the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative."</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>	Public Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/3/16
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.	Senate Consent Calendar 2/11/16

<b>BILL</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BILL STATUS</b>
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>	Public Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/10/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
SB 688	Romine	Establishes the Joint Committee on Public Assistance	Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 2/11/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
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.	Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Third Reading 2/11/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
SB 714	Chappelle-Nadal	Limits members of the State Board of Education to two terms.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16

<b>BILL</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BILL STATUS</b>
SB 719	Emery	Requires the State Board of Education to develop a simplified annual school report card based on letter grades.	Public Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/3/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
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.	Public Hearing Held: Senate Ways and Means Committee 2/11/16

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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>	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/11/16
SB 809	Sifton	Requires each public school to screen each student for dyslexia and related disorders	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/12/16

<b>BILL</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BILL STATUS</b>
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.	Public Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/10/16
SB 869	Schmitt	Prohibits the adoption of any tax increment financing from superseding, altering, or reducing sheltered workshop property tax levies.	Referred: Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee 1/20/16
SB 878	Brown	Changes the "Farm-to-School Act" and program to the "Farm-to-Table Act" and program. The program connects Missouri farmers to institutions, schools. Included, to provide those institutions with locally grown agriculture products. Requires the state departments, including the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to make staff available to the program.	Referred: Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee 1/20/16
SB 904	Pearce	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.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/20/16
SB 930	Emery	Requires the State Board of Education to classify individual attendance centers as either unaccredited, accredited, provisionally accredited, or accredited with distinction.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/21/16
SB 934	Schaaf	Requires schools and school district to provide home school students the same opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities as students enrolled in public schools. Specifies that home school students. Are subject to the same policies as students enrolled in the public school, in addition to the academic and attendance requirements required of students receiving home instruction.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/21/16
SB 940	Schmitt	Requires a student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or brain injury be removed from competition and administered a side line test designed with a concussion protocol.	Referred: Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee 1/21/16

<b>BILL</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BILL STATUS</b>
SB 954	Pearce	Repeals the July 1, 2014 expiration date that permitted members of the Public School Retirement System with 31 years or more of creditable service to use a multiplier of 2.55 when calculating the member's retirement allowance.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/28/16
SB 958	Holsman	Changes the "Farm-to-School Act" and program to the "Farm-to-Table Act" and program. The program connects Missouri farmers to institutions, schools. Included, to provide those institutions with locally grown agriculture products. Requires the state departments, including the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to make staff available to the program.	Referred: Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee 1/28/16
SB 989	Onder	Enacts multiple provisions to protect the privacy of student data.	Public Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/10/16
SB 990	Onder	Allows students to enroll in a school district other than his or her school district of residence or in a charter school for the purpose of attending virtual courses or programs.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/28/16
SB 996	Pearce	Excludes funds designated by taxpayers in an urban district as local early childhood education funds from the local tax revenue calculation used to provide funding to charter schools that have declared themselves as a local educational agency.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 2/4/16
SB 998	Romine	Subject to appropriations, requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to subsidize the exam fee for those taking the high school equivalency degree exam for the first time.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 2/14/16
SB 1010	Curly	Changes the "Farm-to-School Act" and program to the "Farm-to-Table Act" and program. The program connects Missouri farmers to institutions, schools. Included, to provide those institutions with locally grown agriculture products. Requires the state departments, including the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to make staff available to the program.	Referred: Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee 2/4/16
SB 1029	Schupp	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.	First Read 2/4/16

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 1042	Holsman	Establishes the "Student Online Personal Protection Act" that prohibits online providers of educational services from targeting advertising to students who use those services. Prohibits the use or disclosure of protected student information for non-school purposes.	First Read 2/9/16
SJR 37	Chappelle-Nadal	Proposes a constitutional amendment that would require the legislature to appropriate all funds to which public school districts are entitled under the school funding formula.	Referred: Senate Appropriations Committee 1/28/16
SJR 38	Schaefer	Proposes a constitutional amendment that declares every parent has a fundamental right to exercise control over all aspects of their minor children's lives without governmental influence. Guarantees that every parent shall have the fundamental right to decide what educational settings to place their child.	First Read 2/8/16

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.	Public Hearing Held: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/19/16
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.	1/11/16 Withdrawn
HB 1383	English	Expands the A+ Schools Program to graduates of any high school, public or private, that meets the program requirements.	Referred: Higher Education Committee 2/10/16
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.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/1/16
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.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16
HB 1420	Walker	Changes the laws regarding school employee retirement to reinstate a certain retirement allowance rate.	Voted Do Pass: House Pension Committee 2/11/16

HB 1421	Walker	Modifies the definition of "political subdivision" as it relates to its cooperation with other political subdivisions to include county sheltered workshop boards	Voted Do Pass: Select Committee on Rules 2/10/16
HB 1427	Sommer	Requires school districts to post certain financial information on the district's website for free public access.	Voted Do Pass: Select Committee on General Laws 2/10/16
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.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/28/16
HB 1430	Sommer	Specifies continuing education training for school board members, with additional training required for members serving districts with provisional accreditation.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/28/16
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.	Referred: Select Committee on Education 2/2/16
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.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 2/10/16
HB 1478	Entlicher	Modifies the bonding requirement regarding sureties for the treasurer of a seven-director school district.	Reported to Senate and First Read 2/4/16
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.	Referred: Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee 1/13/16

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.	Voted Do Pass: Select Committee on Rules 2/10/16
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.	Referred: Select Committee on Education 2/2/16
HB 1589	Koenig	Authorizes a tax credit for donations to a fund established for the provision of scholarships to foster care children.	Referred: Select Committee on Financial Institutions and Taxation 2/10/16
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.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16
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.	Referred: Select Committee on Rules 2/9/16

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.	Referred: Select Committee on Education 2/2/16
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.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16
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.	Referred: Select Committee on Education 2/2/16
HB 1621	Haahr	Creates the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative."  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 100-question civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16
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.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/20/16
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.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/20/16
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.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/20/16
HB 1628	Cookson	Clarifies that individual school board members have no legal authority to act on behalf of the board.	Public Hearing Held: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/25/16

HB 1636	Love	Prohibits public schools that hold classes during the Missouri State Fair from receiving any state funding.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/20/16
HB 1643	Hicks	Makes CPR instruction a high school graduation requirement.	Referred: Select Committee on Education 2/2/16
HB 1646	Swan	Creates the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative."  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 100-question civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16
HB 1656	Dunn	Requires training in suicide awareness and prevention for public school teachers.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/28/16
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.	Referred: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16
HB 1670	English	Allows a school district to authorize its schools to observe a moment of silence in individual classrooms.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/12/16
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.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/1/16
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.	Referred: Select Committee on Social Services 2/3/16

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.	Referred: Workforce Standards and Development Committee 1/13/16
HB 1709	Lair	Modifies provisions relating to the teacher and school employee retirement allowance in the instance of a dissolution.	Voted Do Pass: Select Committee on Rules 2/10/16
HB 1710	Lair	Modifies provisions relating to the teacher and school employee retirement allowance regarding part-time work.	Referred: Select Committee on Rules 2/2/16
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.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/14/16
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.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Agriculture 2/10/16
HB 1750	Roden	Specifies that the Pledge of Allegiance must be recited at least once per school day in schools supported by public funds.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/8/16
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.	Referred: Civil and Criminal Proceedings Committee 1/14/16
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.	Voted Do Pass: House Pension Committee: 2/11/16

HB 1792	Lauer	Adds making a terrorist threat and statutory rape to the list of offenses that school administrators must report.	Public Hearing Held: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 2/8/16
HB 1849	Pogue	Prohibits school districts from collecting biometric information on students without the express written consent of parents or legal guardians.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/28/16
HB 1871	Cookson	Requires school financial audits to contain certain information relating to extracurricular activities within the school district.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/8/16
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.	Public Hearing Scheduled for 2/15/16: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/8/16
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.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/8/16
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.	Referred: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16

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.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/12/16
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
HB 1949	Spencer	Requires school board candidates to undergo background check. Requires school. Districts to report results of the background check to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Require the Department to make that information public unless it would violate a court order.	Public Hearing Held: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/25/16
HB 1950	Spencer	Prohibits public school employees from running for the school board in any school district.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1954	Dohrman	Exempts 30 school-sponsored fundraisers from the provisions of the federal Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards program	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 1982	Ellington	Alters the graduation requirements and requires student to take a world history course.	Second Read 1/7/16
HB 2031	Bahr	Requires state board of education meetings to be recorded by video and posted on the website of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Requires each individual member of the State Board of Education to have an individual email address.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/28/16
HB 2110	Bernskoetter	Alters the graduation requirements and requires students take one course solely on personal finance topic (discourages embedding the course).	Public Hearing Held: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 1/25/16
HB 2117	Gray	Allows public schools to incorporate water and swim safety into existing physical education curriculum for students in grades 3-12.	Second Read 1/11/16

HB 2118	Gray	Establishes a Task Force on School Safety Improvement.	Second Read 1/11/16
HB 2121	Hummel	Changes the "Farm-to-School Act" and program to the "Farm-to-Table Act" and program. The program connects Missouri farmers to institutions, schools. Included, to provide those institutions with locally grown agriculture products. Requires the state departments, including the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to make staff available to the program.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Agriculture 2/10/16
HB 2123	Spencer	Establishes the Missouri Course Access Program - online, blended, face-to-face courses to supplement coursework offered at the school where the student is enrolled.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/8/16
HB 2132	LaFaver	Establishes the Missouri Civics Education Initiative.  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 100-question civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Education 2/9/16
HB 2178	Higdon	Requires high schools to offer driver's education courses. Students are not required to take the course prior to graduating.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/28/16
HB 2185	Cookson	Creates the Missouri State High School Activities Association Interim Committee to review issues relating to the organization.	Second Read 1/13/16
HB 2186	Ross	Allows school districts to develop policies on student recognition for participation in the Constitution Project of the Missouri Supreme Court.	Referred: Select Committee on Rules 2/2/16
HB 2188	Hough	Authorizes Greene County, or any city within the county, to impose a sales tax, upon voter approval, to fund early childhood education.	Public Hearing Held: Local Government Committee 2/9/16

HB 2189	Curtis	Prohibits school districts, schools, and teachers from receiving financial incentives for students' achievement of scores on any test. Requires violations be reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Requires the Joint Committee on Education to review the rules regarding accreditation and evaluate schools' compliance.	Second Read 1/13/16
HB 2207	Curtis	Requires four units of credit in mathematics and four units of credit in science before a student graduates high school.	Second Read 1/14/16
HB 2238	Gannon	Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to subsidize the cost of the high school equivalency examine for first-time test-takers.	Public Hearing Held: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 2/8/16
HB 2241	Dohrman	Requires coursework addressing the Bill of Rights in secondary schools and in college and university introductory courses in American government and American history.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/8/16
HB 2244	Black	Changes the "Farm-to-School Act" and program to the "Farm-to-Table Act" and program. The program connects Missouri farmers to institutions, schools. Included, to provide those institutions with locally grown agriculture products. Requires the state departments, including the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to make staff available to the program.	Reported Do Pass as Substituted: Select Committee on Agriculture 2/10/16
HB 2288	Parkinson	Prohibits a school district from entering into a contract with any teacher for unpaid leave that results in the teacher receiving funds from the district when another organization is reimbursing the district.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 2/10/16
HB 2303	Brattin	Prohibits any public school student from accessing certain facilities that do not correspond to his or her sex unless the student and a staff person are the only persons inside the facility.	Second Read 1/21/16
HB 2307	Bahr	Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.	Referred: Ways and Means Committee 2/10/16

HB 2314	Leara	Modifies provisions relating to the St. Louis Public School Retirement System.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 2/10/16
HB 2315	Bahr	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a form to be used for excusing a student from statewide assessments. Requires school districts to provide excused students with supervised study time.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/10/16
HB 2352	Morgan	Requires children in the City of St. Louis and Kansas City school districts to enroll in a school by the age of five.	Second Read 1/25/16
HB 2379	Swan	Requires public schools screen students for dyslexia and related disorders.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/10/16
HB 2409	Curtis	Consolidates all the school districts in St. Louis County.	Second Read 1/28/16
HB 2419	Kelley	Requires cameras in classrooms serving students with special-needs.	Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee 2/10/16
HB 2420	Spencer	Requires the Commissioner of Education to submit bids to the Joint Committee on Education for review and comment prior to awarding contracts exceeding \$50,000. Gives the Joint Committee veto authority over contracts. Requires the Commissioner and Department staff to report all communication the Commissioner, Department staff, members of the State Board of Education had with anyone about a particular bill to the committee when testifying.	Second Read 2/1/16
HB 2425	Spencer	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to reconvene the HB1490 work groups prior to October 1, 2016 to develop implementation guidelines for school districts.	Second Read 2/1/16
HB 2428	Swan	Changes the term "guidance counselor" to "school counselor" in the laws relating to education.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/10/16

HB 2479	Rowland	Requires school districts to give certain students excused absences when a student living with them participates in certain programs related to the state fair.	Second Read 2/4/16
HB 2491	Smith	Changes the laws regarding school course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted infections.	Second Read 2/8/16
HB 2504	Bahr	Expands the number of school districts that could qualify for the "small school" grant.	Second Read 2/10/16
HB 2505	Vescovo	Prohibits public school employees from asking students or parents about firearm ownership.	Second Read 2/10/16
HCR 67	Hubrecht	Encourages Congress to give states flexibility in their use of federal funds to support early childhood education.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 1/28/16
HCR 83	Curtis	Urges the department of elementary and secondary education to promote a culture in which educators feel free to discuss issues and work together to achieve a quality education for each student.	Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/3/16
HCR 85	Moon	Urges Congress to end all current and prohibit further interference by the U.S. Department of Education with respect to state decisions regarding academic content standards.	Referred: Government Efficiency Committee 2/3/16
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.	Public Hearing Held: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 2/8/16
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
HJR 84	Carpenter	Proposes a constitutional amendment that requires appropriations for education to fully fund the formula.	Second Read 1/21/16
HJR 85	Morgan	Proposes a constitutional amendment that requires appropriations for education to fully fund the formula.	Second Read 1/25/16
HJR 87	Curtis	Proposes a constitutional amendment removing prohibitions related to school district boundaries and affairs	Second Read 1/28/16