

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

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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 2015 legislative session.

PRESENTER(S):

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

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Governmental Affairs Report – April 2015**

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SENATE BILLS			
SB 1	Pearce	Changes the transfer law, charter school law, expands virtual schooling options, changes MSIP scoring, etc.	4-16-15 Formal Calendar S Bills for Third Reading –SCS for SBs 1, 22,49, & 70 (S)
SB 6	Keaveny	Provides that when the State Board of Education has classified a district as unaccredited, lapses the district's corporate organization, and intervenes in the district, the district will be eligible to receive state funding for early childhood in the 2015-2016 school year or immediately upon the lapse of the district's corporate organization, whichever occurs later, regardless of the district's official classification designation. This provision will also apply to any successor district or districts. 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.	1-13-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 7	Keaveny	Repeals the separate calculation used for hold-harmless school districts with an average daily attendance of 350 or less. State funding for all hold-harmless districts will be calculated using the same calculation.	1-13-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 13	Munzlinger	Modifies the composition (adds two senators and two representatives) and the appointment process of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council.	4-14-15 Referred to Select Committee Education (H)
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.	1-15-15 Referred to Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee (S)
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.	1-15-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 28	Emery	Requires the State Board of education to develop a simplified annual school report card, separately from the information required for the annual school report card, that produces an annual letter grade of A through F for each school attendance center, including charter schools based on the APR percentage points earned. Exempts alternative schools and schools with fewer students than the minimum sample size necessary based on professional practices for statistical reliability from receiving a letter grade.	1-15-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
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.	1-15-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 61	Chappelle-Nadal	Permits school districts or charter schools to provide teen dating violence prevention education as part of the sexual health and health education program it provides to students in grades seven through twelve. Permits school districts and charter schools to establish and implement an age-appropriate curriculum to educate students about domestic violence.	1-22-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 64	Emery	Requires the State Board of Education to classify the school districts as either unaccredited, provisionally accredited, accredited, or accredited with distinction.	1-22-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 65	Emery	Creates the Equal Opportunity Scholarship Program to grant scholarships to students from unaccredited school districts for certain educational costs.	1-22-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 84	Chappelle-Nadal	Establishes term limits for the State Board of Education.	1-22-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 116	Kraus	Creates an exemption from the proof of residency and domicile for purposes of school registration when the family of a student living in Missouri co-locates to live with other family members or in a military family support community because one or both of the student's parents is stationed out of state under certain military orders.	4-15-15 Reported Do Pass H Rules Committee – Consent (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 161	Nasheed	<p>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 the school. Prohibits bullying by students on school property, at school functions, or on school buses. Requires antibullying policies treat all students equally.</p> <p>Requires, beginning July 1, 2016, all public schools in the St. Louis City School District and Kansas City School District, including charter schools, to use a response-to-intervention tiered approach to reading instruction for students determined by their school to be struggling readers. (Also in SB 1 and HB 42)</p> <p>Any student who is not reading at the 2nd grade-level in the St. Louis City School District and the Kansas City School District by the end of 2nd grade may be promoted to 3rd grade only if one of three conditions is satisfied: 1) A student may be promoted if the school provides additional reading instruction during the summer and demonstrates the student has the abilities and the knowledge to successfully learn in third grade at the end of summer school. 2) A student may be promoted if the school provides a "looping" classroom in which the student remains with the same teacher for multiple years. If the student is in a looping classroom but is not reading at the third grade level by the end of third grade, the student must be retained. 3) A student may be promoted if the student's parents or guardians may sign a notice that they prefer to have the student promoted. However, the school will have final determination to retain the student. (Also in SB 1 and HB 42)</p>	3-18-15 Voted Do Pass Education Committee (S)
SB 171	Romine	<p>Requires, beginning January 1, 2016, the Department to offer applicants at least one additional high school equivalency testing option selected by the State Board of Education as an alternative to the HiSET testing program and the Iowa Testing Program.</p> <p>Requires the State Board to adopt rules for a waiver of the fees for the high school equivalency examination. The Department must establish a sliding-fee scale. To be eligible for a financial hardship fee waiver, the applicant must demonstrate that he or she has achieved a minimum passing score on a high school equivalency practice test.</p>	1-29-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 172	Romine	Requires the State Board of Education to establish minimum graduation requirements for a career and technical education high school certificate.	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 173	Romine	Provides that for any seven-director school district, most or all of which is located in Washington County, whose average daily attendance from 350 or less increases to greater than 350, the school district's state aid will be calculated using the calculation for hold harmless districts with an average daily attendance of 350 or less. In addition, any qualifying district will also receive the same amount of funds it received in the previous year from the annual \$15 million appropriation under section 163.044.	2-18-15 SCS Voted Do Pass Education Committee (S)
SB 241	Keaveny	Prohibits the use of corporal punishment and the use of spanking to discipline students in public schools.	4-8-15 Hearing Conducted Progress and Development Committee (S)
SB 242	Dixon	Allows Greene County, or any city within the county, to impose a sales tax, upon voter approval, to fund early childhood education	4-2-15 Voted Do Pass Ways and Means Committee (S)
SB 251	Onder	Allows any students who are residents of this state to enroll in another school district or charter school for purposes of attending virtual courses or programs.	2-11-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 270	Nasheed	Adds a charter school teacher or administrator as an additional member on the board of trustees of both the Kansas City and St. Louis Public School Retirement Systems	4-16-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Financial Institutions and Taxation (H)
SB 271	Silvey	Requires high school students and students seeking a high school equivalency certificate to receive a passing grade on a basic civics test – “Missouri Civics Education Initiative”	3-18-15 Public Hearing Completed Education Committee (S)
SB 273	Riddle	Requires high school students and students seeking a high school equivalency certificate to receive a passing grade on a basic civics test– “Missouri Civics Education Initiative”	3-18-15 Public Hearing Completed Education Committee (S)
SB 290	Schaefer	Specifies that districts cannot define “gifted students” as those participating in advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses, but instead must be defined using the statutory definition. Reinstates the financial penalty for schools experiencing a decline in its gifted enrollment of more than 20% from its 14-15 enrollment.	2-12-15 Referred Education Committee (S)
SB 315	Dixon	Updates the description of the city of Springfield and provides that the exemption from the 6-year school board member term only applies to urban school districts located in the City of Springfield.	3-15-15 Second Read (H)
SB 328	Schupp	Requires school districts to adopt a policy on youth suicide awareness and prevention and allows licensed educators to complete annual training.	4-16-15 First Read (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 365	Schmitt	Requires a school district to conduct an evaluation of a student to determine if an individualized education program is warranted at least once every 24 months if requested by the student's parent or guardian.	4-14-15 Formal Calendar S Bills for Perfection (S)
SB 418	Chappelle-Nadal	Changes how school districts and charter schools may conduct instruction in human sexuality and sexually transmitted infections	2-24-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 424	Pearce	Delays until July 1, 2017 the requirement that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education prorate payments to formula districts if the foundation formula is not fully funded	4-15-15 S Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection (S)
SB 440	Sifton	Changes the requirements for school antibullying policies	2-26-15 Referred to Education Committee (S)
SB 468	Sifton	Requires each public school to test each enrolling student for dyslexia and related disorders and provide treatment	3-5-15 Referred S Education Committee (S)
SB 473	Schaaf	Makes several modifications to the St. Joseph School District School Board	4-16-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
SB 493	Brown	Requires public school students to pass a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators to receive a certificate of graduation	4-2-15 SCS Voted Do Pass Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee (S)
SB 502	Schmitt	Requires that an objective test or measure be used to determine whether a youth athlete is suspected of sustaining a brain injury or concussion during a game or practice	3-10-15 Second Read and Referred to Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee (S)
SB 506	Riddle	Adds sheltered workshop boards to the definition of "political subdivision" for purposes of laws allowing political subdivisions to cooperate with public and private entities	3-10-15 Referred to Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee (S)
SB 530	Onder	Enacts multiple provisions to protect the privacy of student data	4-8-15 Public Hearing Completed Education Committee (S)
SB 546	Schaefer	Relating to privacy of student information	4-1-15 Hearing Cancelled Education Committee (S)

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SB 548	Sifton	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to employ a dyslexia specialist and creates the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia	3-18-15 Second Read and Referred to Education Committee (S)
SCR 10	Munzlinger	Urges the Missouri Congressional delegation to make changes to the school lunch program in the Child Nutrition Act Reauthorization in 2015	4-13-15 Referred to Agriculture Policy Committee (H)
SCR 17	Hegeman	Urges schools, little league and recreational programs, law enforcement, and prosecutors to do all they can to put an end to threats and assaults on sports officials	4-13-15 Referred to Emerging Issues in Education Committee (H)
SCR 31	Cunningham	Urges Congress to reinstate the Secure Rural Schools Program	4-13-15 Referred to Agriculture Policy Committee (H))
SJR 12	Onder	Proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing parents the fundamental right to choose to educate their children in public, parochial, parish, or private schools, in-home education, or a combination.	4-15-15 Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection (S)
HOUSE BILLS			
HB 41	Wood	Removes portions of the school funding formula, pertaining to previous school years that are no longer relevant due to the passage of time.	4-15-15 SCS Reported Do Pass on 3 rd Read Consent Calendar (S)
HB 42	Wood	Changes the transfer law, expands virtual schooling options, changes MSIP scoring, etc.	4-16-15 H Message sent to the Senate requesting conference (H/S)
HB 43	Wood	Requires all business relating to the development and implementation of a statewide assessment to be conducted at a university in the state of Missouri that has an education department and the capacity to administer a statewide assessment for public schools, after June 30, 2017.	1-8-15 Second Read
HB 54	Walton Gray	Allows schools to incorporate criminal justice instruction into the curriculum.	3-19-15 Referred to Select Committee on Education (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 63	Dugger	Prohibits any person previously employed as a school district's superintendent from being a candidate for a member or director of the school board in that district. Requires any school district in the state that became an urban school based on the census to the same election requirements.	4-8-15 Legislature overrode Governor's Veto
HB 71	Walton Gray	Establishes the Task Force on Police Officer Presence in Schools and Communities. The Task Force will advise the Commissioner of Education and the Department of Education on issues relating to the establishment of community relations programs in communities	1-20-15 Referred to Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee (H)
HB 72	Walton Gray	Establishes a program on police officer presence in schools and communities within the Department of Public Safety.	1-20-15 Referred to Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee (H)
HB 87	Walton Gray	Establishes a community schools grant program in St. Louis County, Jackson County, and Kansas City.	1-8-15 Second Read (H)
HB 89	Walton Gray	Establishes a Council for Community Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.	1-8-15 Second Read (H)
HB 135	Rowland	Permits a school district to use a calendar based on hours of attendance, rather than hours and days of attendance, if the minimum number of hours is at least 1,080 hours of actual pupil attendance.	1-27-15 Referred to Emerging Issues in Education (H)
HB 175	May	Establishes the Family Education Leave Act	1-08-15 Second Read (H)
HB 232	Haahr	Permits home school students to participate in Missouri State High School Activities Association activities for the public school district in which they reside.	3-12-15 Returned to Committee of Origin (H)
HB 242	Lauer	Adds making a terrorist threat to the list of offenses that school administrators must report.	3-5-15 Voted Do Pass H Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 257	Dugger	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.	3-11-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 267	Sommer	Requires continuing education training for school board members, with additional training required for members serving districts with provisional accreditation.	3-9-15 Failed to Pass Emerging Issues in Education Committee (H)
HB 297	Kelley	Specifies that public school students must not be subject to penalties or discipline for simulating a weapon while playing if it does not cause bodily harm, disrupt learning, or constitute a serious threat which reasonably places another person in fear of bodily harm.	1-8-15 Second Read (H)
HB 311	McNeil	Establishes the High Performance Energy Benchmarking Act that requires, beginning September 1, 2015, each school district to establish an energy star benchmark for each permanent building owned by the district and allows for the use a free on-line system provided by the federal Energy Star Program.	3-31-16 Referred to Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 312	McNeil	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a grant program to extend instructional time in underperforming school districts.	4-16-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 320	Barnes	Requires department of social services shall develop incentive programs, submit state plan amendments, and apply for necessary waivers to permit rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, or other primary care practices to co-locate on the property of public elementary and secondary schools with 50% or more students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch.	1-27-15 Referred to Children and Families Committee (H)
HB 353	Newman	Specifies that any sex education in schools be based peer-reviewed projects that have been demonstrated to influence healthy behavior, be age appropriate.	1-8-15 Second Read (H)
HB 365	Spencer	Requires a student must score proficient or higher on at least one assessment after 8th grade in each core area of mathematics, communication arts, social sciences, and science in order to receive a high school academic diploma, except that the parent or guardian of the student, or the student if he or she is an emancipated minor or no longer a minor, may choose the ACT, COMPASS, ASVAB, or GED instead of the statewide assessments; (2) A student receiving special education services whose education plan specifies that the student scores at least one standard deviation below average on a generally accepted intelligence test may be awarded a diploma of local achievement; and (3) A student who does not qualify under either of the above options must not be awarded any high school diploma.	2-2-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 377	Swan	Requires school districts to develop a system for identifying students who are at risk of not being ready for college-level work or entry-level career positions. Requires the district policy to require academic and career counseling to take place sufficiently prior to graduation for any student found to be at risk to ensure the ability of the school to provide sufficient opportunities to the student to graduate college- or career-ready and on time.	4-14-15 Referred to Fiscal Review (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 380	Swan	Requires the State Board of Education to establish minimum graduation requirements for a career and technical education certificate that a student can earn in addition to his or her high school graduation diploma.	4-16-15 Referred to S Education Committee (S)
HB 381	Swan	Requires, beginning January 1, 2016, the Department to offer applicants at least one additional high school equivalency testing option selected by the State Board of Education as an alternative to the HiSET testing program and the Iowa Testing Program. Requires the State Board to adopt rules for a waiver of the fees for the high school equivalency examination. The Department must establish a sliding-fee scale.	3-19-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 382	Swan	Requires the board of education of each school district to establish a comprehensive guidance and counseling program for students attending school in the district. The program shall include grade-level expectations for students in three areas: academic development; career development; and social and personal development.	4-16-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 383	Montecillo	Establishes term limits for State Board of Education members	4-9-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 405	Gannon	Requires, beginning January 1, 2016, the Department to offer applicants at least one additional high school equivalency testing option selected by the State Board of Education as an alternative to the HiSET testing program and the Iowa Testing Program.	4-14-15 Referred to Fiscal Review (H)
HB 406	Gannon	Establishes a career and technical education (CTE) high school diploma	1-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 413	Peters	Imposes a penalty against parents or guardians when a child under their charge is habitually absent from school or habitually tardy	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 428	Swan	Authorizes a tax credit for contributions to school foundations	4-16-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 434	Morgan	Requires children in the City of St. Louis and Kansas City school districts to enroll in a school by the age of five	1-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 448	English	Allows a school district to authorize its schools to observe a moment of silence in individual classrooms	4-14-15 Referred to Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 451	English	Expands the A+ Schools Program to graduates of any high school that meets the program requirements	3-10-15 Voted Do Pass Higher Education Committee (H)
HB 457	Hicks	Makes CPR instruction a high school graduation requirement	4-15-15 Reported to the Senate and First Read (S)
HB 458	Allen	Changes the laws regarding bullying in schools and establishes specific components that a district must include in its antibullying policy	4-15-15 Executive Session Held Senate Education (S)
HB 463	Bahr	Prohibits the payment of professional membership dues of any school administrator or superintendent from the incidental fund or teachers fund of a school district	2-2-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 469	Rowland	Requires the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide grants to organizations that provide services to deaf-blind persons	2-24-15 Referred to Children and Families (H)
HB 476	Paul Fitzwater	Provides that for any seven-director school district, most or all of which is located in Washington County, whose average daily attendance from 350 or less increases to greater than 350, the school district's state aid will be calculated using the calculation for hold harmless districts with an average daily attendance of 350 or less. In addition, any qualifying district will also receive the same amount of funds it received in the previous year from the annual \$15 million appropriation under section 163.044.	3-19-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 486	Koenig	Requires the State Board of Education and other public school entities to encourage students to explore scientific questions and to assist teaching of scientific theories of biological or chemical evolution	1-14-15 Second Read (H)
HB 495	English	Allows school districts to discipline students for cyberbullying that occurs off campus	1-14-15 Second Read (H)
HB 499	Roden	Specifies that the Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited at least once per school day in schools supported by public funds	4-8-15 Second Read and Referred to Senate General Laws and Pensions (S)
HB 501	Montecillo	Requires course materials relating to sexual education to contain information regarding sexual predators, online predators, and the consequences of inappropriate text messaging	4-14-15 Public Hearing Completed Senate Seniors, Families, and Children Committee (S)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 532	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	4-14-15 Referred to Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 550	Wood	Modifies the charter school law	3-19-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 557	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	4-16-15 Reported to the Senate and First Read (S)
HB 558	Bahr	Phases out hold-harmless school aid payments	1-21-15 Second Read (H)
HB 565	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.	4-9-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 572	Montecillo	Contains provisions relating to school accreditation and student transfers	1-21-15 Second Read (H)
HB 574	Haahr	Requires high school students and students seeking a high school equivalency certificate to receive a passing grade on a basic civics test – “Missouri Civics Education Initiative”	Combined with HB 578
HB 577	Paul Fitzwater	Requires a student to be a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to be eligible to receive reimbursements from the A+ Schools Program	1-21-15 Second Read (H)
HB 578	Swan	Repeals the provisions requiring every high school student in any public or private school except private trade schools to satisfactorily pass an examination on the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution and the Missouri Constitution and in American history and American institutions in order to receive a certificate of graduation. Schools may choose to give these tests. Establishes the Missouri Civics Education Initiative that requires, beginning January 1, 2016, every high school student attending any public, charter, or private school except private trade schools or a student seeking to complete a high school equivalency certificate to, as a condition of high school graduation or its equivalent, take and receive a passing grade on a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).	4-8-15 Public Hearing Completed Senate Education Committee (S)
HB 584	LaFaver	Requires high school students and students seeking a high school equivalency certificate to receive a passing grade on a basic civics test – “Missouri Civics Education Initiative”	3-9-15 HCS Reported Do Pass (H)
HB 621	Gray	Establishes a "Task Force on School Safety Improvement"	1-22-15 Second Read (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 637	Pfautsch	Specifies that districts cannot define "gifted students" as those participating in advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses, but instead must be defined using the statutory definition. Reinstates the financial penalty for schools experiencing a decline in its gifted enrollment of more than 20% from its 14-15 enrollment.	4-13-15 Reported to the Senate and First Read (S)
HB 642	Montecillo	Requires DESE to establish a database containing student statewide assessment scores of all transfer students	4-16-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 658	Ross	Allows school districts to develop policies on student recognition for participation in the Constitution Project of the Missouri Supreme Court	4-9-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 670	Smith	Changes the laws regarding school course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases	1-27-15 Second Read (H)
HB 673	Montecillo	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a process that rewards districts that provide full-day kindergarten to specified students	1-27-15 Second Read (H)
HB 674	Montecillo	Modifies kindergarten requirements for Kansas City and St. Louis and mandates pre-kindergarten for some students	1-27-15 Second Read (H)
HB 685	Sommer	Changes the laws regarding unaccredited or provisionally accredited school districts	3-3-15 Referred to Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 704	Berry	Allows students to enroll in another school district or charter school for purposes of attending virtual courses or programs	3-2-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 706	Hough	Allows Greene County, or any city within the county, to impose a sales tax, upon voter approval, to fund early childhood education	3-12-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on State and Local Government (H)
HB 731	Wood	Requires every public school to test each enrolling student for dyslexia and related disorders at appropriate times in accordance with rules established by the SBE.	2-18-15 Referred to Emerging Issues in Education (H)
HB 742	Bahr	Requires work groups convened to provide recommendation on the learning standards meet monthly and provide progress reports monthly to the General Assembly. Requires the Department to reimburse group members for travel, meals, and overnight stays. Requires the Department to reimburse school districts for substitute teachers for those teacher-participants.	4-9-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 755	Bahr	Establishes the Parent and Community School Information Act that requires a simplified report card for each attendance center and charter school in the state	2-10-15 Referred to Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 798	Sommer	Requires school districts to post certain financial information on the district's website for free public access	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Government Efficiency Committee (H)
HB 829	Montecillo	Prohibits the use of student performance on the constructed response portion of the statewide assessments in determining scores for accreditation purposes	3-30-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 846	LaFaver	Requires parental notification if a non-immunized child is in attendance at a child's school	2-9-15 Second Read (H)
HB 849	Swan	Prohibits more than eight credits or hours of blended or full online coursework from being considered full-time equivalency of a regular term attendance for a single student to claim state aid.	2-24-15 Referred to Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 850	Swan	Expands reimbursement for virtual education programs to include charter schools and the Missouri Virtual Program administered by the Department	2-24-15 Referred to Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 902	Curtis	Requires school districts and charter schools to identify students needing remedial coursework and implement a virtual school program to assist the identified students	2-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 904	Curtis	Establishes the 8 in 6 Program within the Department. Compresses 8 years of education (7 th grade through two years post-secondary) into 6 years through online courses.	2-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 906	Curtis	Requires any county that contains an unaccredited school district to devote 10% of its annual revenue to a grant program to deliver services to the school district	2-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 914	Montecillo	Requires charter school board members to be registered voters in school district and residents of Missouri	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Emerging Issues in Education (H)
HB 921	Burlison	Creates the "Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia" and requires the Department to employ a dyslexia specialist and develop professional development programs for school students	4-2-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 953	Morgan	Imposes limits on the number of appeals of certain school boundary change matters	2-16-15 Second Read (H)
HB 957	Cookson	Raises the minimum teacher salary for the 2016-2017 school year, subject to appropriation	4-16-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 958	Cookson	Clarifies the powers of boards of education and individual board members	4-7-15 Voted Do Pass Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 959	Cookson	Imposes penalties against parents or guardians of children who are not enrolled in school or who are habitually absent without excuse	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 960	Cookson	Caps school superintendent salaries and requires publication of school employee salaries in local newspapers	4-7-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 961	Cookson	Limits school district participation in the career ladder program to accredited districts	3-11-15 Referred Elem. and Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 979	Dugger	Modifies the bonding requirement for the treasurer of a seven-director school district	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Senate Financial And Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee (S)
HB 990	Fitzpatrick	Specifies that a school board shall determine an accessible location within a school building for use as a polling place	3-10-15 Public Hearing Completed Elections Committee (H)
HB 1003	Hummel	Requires a student to receive instruction in Braille reading and writing if an assessment demonstrates the need for the instruction	4-9-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)

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HB 1008	Mitten	Requires retired members and beneficiaries of the Public School Retirement System of the City of St. Louis to receive annual cost-of-living adjustments equal to the increase in the Consumer Price	2-23-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1017	Cookson	Requires school financial audits to contain certain information relating to extracurricular activities within the school district	4-9-15 Referred to Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 1018	Cookson	Requires school terms in the summer to be four-day school weeks and contains language clarifying notice requirements for early school opening dates	4-7-15 Public hearing Completed Elections Committee (H)
HB 1023	Swan	Specifies school quality indicators that the state board of education shall consider when classifying public schools	4-2-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 1029	Johnson	Makes several modifications to the St. Joseph School District School Board	4-14-15 Referred to Select Committee on State and Local Governments
HB 1030	Johnson	Makes modifications to the St. Joseph School District School Board	2-25-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1035	Johnson	Makes several modifications to the St. Joseph School District School Board	2-25-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1036	Johnson	Makes several modifications to the St. Joseph School District School Board	2-25-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1050	English	Establishes the Missouri Civics Education Initiative	3-11-15 Referred to Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 1054	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	3-19-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 1085	Lair	Modifies provisions relating to the teacher and school employee retirement systems	3-18-15 Referred to Select Committee on Financial Institutions and Taxation (H)

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HB 1086	Lair	Modifies provisions relating to the teacher and school employee retirement systems	4-2-15 Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Financial Institutions and Taxation (H)
HB 1088	Parkinson	Requires computer programming coursework offered by a public school to be treated as a foreign language for academic credit purposes	3-3-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1089	Moon	Prohibits the state board of education and DESE from adopting and implementing certain academic content standards	3-3-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1092	Swan	Changes the law on postsecondary course options by broadening the definition of schools allowed to cooperate with public high schools to offer those options	3-4-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1105	McManus	Requires quality rating systems for early childhood education to be in compliance with criteria established by the department of elementary and secondary education through rules promulgated	3-30-15 Public Haring Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee
HB 1110	Dohrman	Establishes term limits for State Board of Education members	4-9-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Education (H)
HB 1127	Johnson	Makes modifications to the St. Joseph School District School Board	4-15-15 Public Hearing Completed Senate Education (S)
HB 1132	Cookson	Increases funding under the school funding formula for school districts with an assessed valuation per student that fell within the lowest ten percent of all school districts in the 2004-05 school year	4-7-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 1136	McDaniel	Requires public schools to ensure that student restrooms have stall doors for privacy	3-11-15 Referred: Emerging Issues in Education Committee (H)
HB 1180	Vescovo	Creates a procedure for recalling school board members in the Fox C-6 School district in Arnold and requires vacancies on the board to be filled by the county executive	4-7-15 Public Hearing Completed Elections Committee (H)
HB 1184	Hummel	Changes the laws regarding the Farm-to-School Act	4-8-15 HCS Voted Do Pass Select Committee on Agriculture

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HB 1205	Leara	Modifies provisions relating to the St. Louis Public School Retirement System	3-31-15 Public Hearing Completed Pensions (H)
HB 1206	Smith	Enacts various provisions relating to school accreditation and student transfers	3-11-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1234	Walton Gray	Allows any public school to offer dating abuse information in its health curriculum in grades seven through twelve	3-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1236	Walton Gray	Allows public schools to incorporate water and swim safety into existing physical education curriculum for students in grades three through twelve	3-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1239	Sommer	Specifies continuing education training for school board members, with additional training required for members serving districts with provisional accreditation	3-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1240	Anderson	Specifies protections for the privacy of student data	3-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1223	Frederick	Changes the laws regarding teen suicide	3-12-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1255	Swan	Specifies that public schools shall screen students for dyslexia and related disorders.	4-7-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 1256	Burlison	Establishes the "Local Economic and Academic Partnership Act"	4-7-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HB 1262	Hubrecht	Establishes a committee to examine the schools for the severely disabled.	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Emerging Issues in Education (H)
HB 1292	Bahr	Requires school districts with less than 350 students be administratively consolidated.	3-16-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1293	Lauer	Establishes policies and training for youth suicide awareness and prevention in schools.	4-13-15 Public Hearing Completed Emerging Issues in Education (H)
HB 1320	Curtis	Enacts provisions relating to youth opportunities	3-16-15 Second Read (H)
HB 1358	Johnson	Establishes an oversight board within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to study school performance in the St. Joseph School District.	3-16-15 Second Read (H)

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HCR 16	Gannon	Recognizes September 2015 as "Missouri Whole Child Month" – Support the whole child – education, mental health, healthy lifestyles, emotional health, etc.	4-1-15 Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee (S)
HCR 28	Houghton	Urges the Missouri Congressional delegation to make changes to the school lunch program in the Child Nutrition Act Reauthorization of 2015	4-1-15 Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee (S)
HCR 34	Rowland	Encourages Congress to reinstate the Secure Rural Schools program at its previous funding levels and maintain funding under the Impact Aid law	4-13-15 Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics Committee (S)
HCR 51	Bahr	Asks the Commissioner of Education to provide information to the general assembly on several issues related to the Smarter Balanced Assessments.	3-16-15 Second Read (H)
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	4-14-15 Referred to Select Committee on Education (H)
HJR 14	Gardner	Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing appropriations from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to be used for early childhood programs	1-8-15 Second Read (H)
HJR 26	Spencer	Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing an increase in the amount a school district can become indebted (Increase: an amount exceeding 15% but not more than 26% of the value of the taxable tangible property.)	1-14-15 Second Read (H)
HJR 30	Ruth	Proposes a constitutional amendment that would require that 3 of the members of the State Board of Education be an active public school classroom teacher, building principal, and superintendent	3-16-15 Public Hearing Completed Elem. & Sec. Education Committee (H)
HJR 31	Haahr	Proposes a constitutional amendment specifying that parents have a fundamental right to educate their children	2-12-15 Referred to Emerging Issues Committee (H)
HR 269	Bahr	Requests that the Missouri Congressional delegation repeal CFR Rule 200 (local control regarding special needs students) modifications to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001	2-2-15 Offered (H)