

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		April 2017
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE		
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Section 161.092, RSMo		
<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NOS. 1 AND 4:</p> <p>All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.</p> <p>The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>The following material contains filed bills relating to education for the 2017 legislative session. The reports relating to the filed bills will be distributed at the meeting.</p> <p>PRESENTER:</p> <p>Constance Rush, Coordinator of Legislative Outreach, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.</p>		

SENATE BILLS			
BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 23	Sen. 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, an approved charter school, or a nonsectarian private school (which among other standards, certifies that it will not discriminate in admissions on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or disability).</p> <p>Specifies that tuition for a student who attends a nonsectarian private school is to be paid only using funds received by the district from the operating levy for school purposes.</p> <p>Prohibits school districts and schools with a 3-year average APR of 75% or lower, regardless of accreditation classification, from accepting transfer students.</p> <p>Creates three separate education authorities, throughout the state, to coordinate student transfers.</p>	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/28/17
SB 32	Sen. Emery	<p>The office of the State Treasurer administers the tax credit scholarship program.</p> <p>Allows a taxpayer, for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, to donate cash, stock, bonds, or other marketable securities for purposes of claiming a tax credit, to an educational assistance organization. Limits the cumulative amount of tax credits that may be allocated to all taxpayers contributing to educational assistance organizations in any one calendar year to \$25 million, but allows for the limit to increase by 20% if in the prior year, the annual tax credit amount was equal to or greater than 90% of the tax credit limitation.</p> <p>Specifies that the scholarship account payments are not to exceed a total grant amount equal to the state adequacy target as calculated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.</p>	Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
		<p>Elementary and secondary students eligible to receive Missouri empowerment scholarship funds are residents of Missouri who: were enrolled in a public school at least one count day from the prior school year; or previously participated in the Missouri empowerment scholarship account program; or is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade; or is attending school for the first time.</p> <p>Requires the student to enroll in a qualified school which is defined as a home school, private school, public school, or any public or private virtual school that is located in Missouri and complies with the nondiscrimination policies set forth in 42 U.S.C. 1981. The student must receive an education in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies, and science.</p> <p>Specifies that the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship funds are to be used only for expenses of the student which include: tuition or fees at a private school, or a preschool for children with a disability; textbooks required by a private school, or a preschool for children with a disability; educational therapies or services for the student from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider; tutoring services provided by a tutor; curriculum; tuition or fees from private online learning programs; fees for nationally standardized exams; and others as described.</p> <p>Allows the use of Missouri empowerment scholarship funds for computer hardware or other technological devices and transportation of the student. Prohibits the use of the funds for consumable educational supplies (i.e. paper, pens, pencils, or markers).</p> <p>Specifies if a student withdraws from the program, the responsibility for providing an education for that student transfers back to the student's district of residence.</p> <p>Specifies any funds remaining in the account after graduation may be used for the purposes of higher education.</p>	
SB 33	Sen. Emery	Requires the State Board of Education to develop a simplified annual school report card based on letter grades based on the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced on the statewide assessment, percentage of students identified in subgroups scoring proficient or advanced on the statewide assessment, the school's median grade point average, high school dropout and graduation rates, attendance, etc.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 1/24/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 44	Sen. Romine	<p>Requires the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council to annually review, update, approve, and publish a list of industry certifications, state-issued professional licenses, and occupational assessments.</p> <p>Allows students to take the ACT WorkKeys assessments instead of the ACT Plus Writing assessment in any school year in which the Department directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment.</p> <p>Adds the director of the Department of Economic Development to the CTE Advisory Council.</p>	<p>Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17</p>
SB 51	Sen. Walsh	<p>Establishes a language assessment program to be coordinated by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for children who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth through the age of eight. Requires that on and after July 1, 2019, an annual language assessment shall be given to each child who is deaf or hard of hearing and who is less than nine years of age; the assessments will be administered by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing prior to age three and the student's school district after the age of three.</p> <p>Establishes an advisory committee on the language assessment program within the commission.</p>	<p>Referred: Senate Seniors, Families, and Children Committee 1/10/17</p>
SB 58	Sen. 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</p>	<p>Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/28/17</p>

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		<p>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>Requires the Department to employ a dyslexia therapist.</p>	
SB 63	Sen. Hegeman	Permits each school district to rely on technical coursework and skills assessments developed for industry-recognized certificates and credentials when establishing career and technical education offerings.	Bill Combined with SB 44 1/31/17
SB 93	Sen. Curls	Modifies the length of terms of directors elected to the Kansas City Public Schools school board in 2019. Staggers the terms of office. Specifies that at the 2019 election, the director from subdistricts one, three, and five shall be elected for a two-year term, and the directors from subdistricts two and four shall be elected for a four-year term. Thereafter, all directors shall serve a four-year term.	Referred: House Elections and Elected Officials 4/11/17
SB 98	Sen. 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. Specifies that the accommodations shall include, but not be limited to single-stall restrooms, access to unisex restrooms, or controlled use of faculty restrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/21/17
SB 106	Sen. Romine	<p>Creates the Access Missouri Dual Enrollment Program and the Missouri Dual Enrollment Scholarship Act.</p> <p>Allows students to receive funds during their high school to pay for dual enrollment credits and dual credit courses from an approved private or public institution of higher education that are directly applicable to a postsecondary associate or bachelor's degree. Payment shall be from the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Fund and shall occur only after successful completion of approved credit hours.</p> <p>Allows, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, for any taxpayer to claim a tax credit on an eligible donation made to a public school district or charter school</p>	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/10/17

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		for the sole purpose of funding scholarships for dual enrollment and dual credit courses. The tax credit shall be for fifty percent of the amount of the donation. The tax credit may be carried forward for four years and may be transferred, sold, or assigned.	
SB 107	Sen. 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 1/10/17
SB 127	Sen. Dixon	Allows Greene County or any city within the county, to impose a sales tax, upon voter approval, to fund early childhood education.	Referred: Senate Local Government and Elections Committee 1/10/17
SB 133	Sen. Chappelle-Nadal	Requires the Board of Election Commissioners to establish, within St. Louis County, seven subdistricts for any school district that is within or adjoining another school district that itself is within, in whole or in part, a street light maintenance district with a population less than 3,000. The subdistricts will be established for the purposes of electing directors of the school district.	Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
SB 173	Sen. Schaaf	Requires schools and school districts to provide home school students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 1/31/17
SB 206	Sen. Sifton	Modifies the definition of bullying – removes the prohibition of lists of protected classes of students. Requires that the State Board of Education develop model antibullying policies to assist school districts no later than September 1, 2018.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/12/17
SB 219	Sen. Nasheed	Creates the Missouri Care Counts Program to provide funding, subject to appropriations, to school districts and public charter schools in St. Louis to purchase washing machines and dryers. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to coordinate and administer the program.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 3/14/17
SB 238	Sen. Onder	Renames the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MOVIP) to "The Missouri Course Access Program" (MCAP). Permits any K-12 student to enroll in up to two MCAP courses per year, to be paid by the school district, if the student is a public school	Bill combined with SBs 327 and 360 3/14/17

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		student and the course is approved by a school counselor.	
SB 249	Sen. Kehoe	Specifies that for any school district located in more than one county and whose headquarters are located within Owensville and located in more than one county, the county signified in the school district number shall be the county in the district with the highest dollar value modifier.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 2/7/17
SB 255	Sen. Nasheed	<p>Requires the State Board of Education to develop a system of classification for the St. Louis and Kansas City school districts that accredits individual schools within those districts.</p> <p>Specifies that when an individual school is classified as unaccredited, the school board of the district in which it is located must adopt and implement a school turnaround option for that school. The school board may use a restart model, a transformation model, or a turnaround model.</p> <p>Creates an intradistrict transfer system for the St. Louis and Kansas City school districts if a student attends an unaccredited school. If there is not sufficient capacity in any accredited school within the student's district of residence, the student may transfer to an accredited district in the same or an adjoining county. To be eligible to transfer to another district, a student must have been enrolled in and attending a public school in the unaccredited district for three school years.</p> <p>Requires all public schools in the St. Louis 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.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and implement a system of assigning letter grades to each public school based on performance and student growth using two different methods of assigning letter grades based on the assignment of points, one method for public schools with grades K through 8 and a second method for public schools with grades 9 through 12.</p>	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/12/17
SB 272	Sen. Wasson	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to recalculate the local effort figure of any school district that, in fiscal year 2005, recorded revenues from intangible taxes, the merchants' and manufacturers' surcharge, and payments in	Referred: Senate Education Committee 1/19/17

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		<p>lieu of taxes other than tax increment financing in the district's teacher and incidental funds that caused an elevation of the district's local effort figure. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to calculate the amount of state aid such a district would have received had the district placed these revenues in the capital projects fund or the debt service fund.</p> <p>This provision will become effective in the school year subsequent to a school year in which the foundation formula is fully funded and will remain in effect thereafter irrespective of the amount appropriated under the formula for subsequent years.</p>	
SB 300	Sen. Sater	<p>Authorizes the treasurer of a seven-director school district to use one or more sureties when entering into a bond to the state.</p> <p>Modifies the length of terms of directors elected to the Kansas City Public Schools school board in 2019. Staggers the terms of office. Specifies that at the 2019 election, the director from subdistricts one, three, and five shall be elected for a two-year term, and the directors from subdistricts two and four shall be elected for a four-year term. Thereafter, all directors shall serve a four-year term.</p>	House Second Read 3/28/17
SB 306	Sen. Hegeman	Authorizes the treasurer of a seven-director school district to use one or more sureties when entering into a bond to the state.	Bill Combined with SB 300 3/7/17
SB 313	Sen. Koenig	<p>Provisions related to the scholarship tax credit will not take effect until the fiscal year immediately following a fiscal year in which the school foundation formula is fully funded and the amount appropriated and expended for pupil transportation equals or exceeds 21% of the allowable costs of providing pupil transportation.</p> <p>Tax Credit Beginning July 1, 2018, a taxpayer may make a qualifying contribution to an educational assistance organization and claim a tax credit, as described in the act. The tax credit is for 100% of the amount of the contribution. Tax credits authorized under the program are refundable, but may not be transferred, sold, or assigned. The annual cumulative amount of tax credits is limited to \$25 million, which will be adjusted for inflation.</p> <p>Students Eligible to Participate in the Scholarship Program</p>	Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Third Reading 4/13/17

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		<p>A student is eligible to receive funds in a Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Account if he or she is identified as having a disability, is a ward of the state, or has a parent in active military service. To be eligible, a student must also have attended a public school for at least one semester in the previous twelve months prior to enrolling in the program or be eligible to begin kindergarten.</p> <p>Disbursement of Funds The educational assistance organization will distribute scholarship payments four times per year or in one lump sum in an amount not to exceed the state adequacy target.</p> <p>Schools Eligible to Receive Funds Qualified schools are home schools, private schools, public schools, or public or private virtual schools located in Missouri and that do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.</p> <p>Eligible Uses of Funds Expenses of the student which include: tuition or fees at a private school, textbooks, educational therapies or services, tutoring, curriculum, tuition or fees from private online learning programs, fees for nationally standardized exams, etc.</p> <p>Transfer to Private Schools Permits a student who is enrolled in and attends for at least one semester in 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, an approved charter school, or a nonsectarian private school.</p> <p>Transfer Tuition Requires each receiving district to establish a tuition rate. For students transferring to nonsectarian private schools, the amount of tuition to be paid shall be paid from the district's operating levy for school purposes and shall not exceed the tuition rate of the sending district or nonsectarian private school's tuition rate, whichever is lower.</p>	

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		<p>Transportation Hardships Requires the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee to assign a pupil to another school district, upon application, if the driving distance from the pupil's residence to his or her attendance center in the district of residence is 15 miles or more by the shortest route available and the new attendance center in the non-resident district is at least five miles closer in actual driving distance to the pupil's residence, and the attendance of the pupil does not cause the classroom in the receiving district to exceed the number of pupils per class set by the receiving district.</p> <p>Early Childhood Education Requires that funding for children who attend early childhood education programs in accredited school districts and charter schools that have declared themselves as a local education agency, and are included in the average daily attendance of such school districts and charter schools, be phased-in in the following manner: 20% of funding shall be allocated in the first school year after the foundation formula is fully funded; 40% shall be allocated in the second school year; 60% in the third school year; 80% in the fourth year; and 100% in the fifth and each succeeding year.</p> <p>Student Promotion Prohibits all underperforming districts in St. Louis County from promoting any student from the fifth grade to the sixth grade or from the eighth grade to the ninth grade who is two years or more below grade level as measured by quantifiable student performance data designated by the local district. However, this provision does not apply to any student with an individualized education program or any student with a Section 504 Plan.</p>	
SB 327	Sen. Romine	<p>Changes the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MOVIP) to "The Missouri Course Access Program" (MCAP) and allows any K-12 student to enroll in courses, to be paid by the school district, if the student has been enrolled full-time in a public school for at least one semester immediately prior to enrolling in MCAP, and the student has received approval to enroll from his or her school principal.</p> <p>Requires the school district to pay, for any one course for a student, the market necessary costs or fourteen percent of the state adequacy target as calculated at the end of the most recent school year.</p>	Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17

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SB 360	Sen. Hoskins	Modifies provisions relating to virtual public schools.	Bill combined with SBs 238 and 327 3/14/17
SB 362	Sen. Hummel	Requires a student to receive instruction in Braille reading and writing as part of his or her individualized education plan unless instruction in Braille is determined not appropriate for the child.	Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
SB 369	Sen. Rowden	Modifies criminal background checks of school bus drivers to include those drivers employed by municipalities or any other entity under contract with a school district. Authorizes any school board in the state of Missouri to contract with any municipality for the purpose of transporting school children.	Hearing Held: Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee 3/30/17
SB 378	Sen. Wallingford	Allows children who attend early childhood education programs that are under contract with school districts or charter schools that have declared themselves as a local education agency to be included in the average daily attendance of the school district or charter school.	Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
SB 401	Sen. Rowden	Authorizes the granting of a visiting scholars certificate to teachers in public schools.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 2/13/17
SB 406	Sen. Wasson	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant a license to a Missouri-based nonprofit organization before January 1, 2018, to establish and operate four adult high schools.	Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
SB 428	Sen. Eigel	Allows charter schools to be operated in any school district of the state.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 3/14/17
SB 434	Sen. Sater	Allows school districts to allocate less than 1% but no less than .5% of moneys received under the school foundation formula to the professional development committee of the district when certain requirements are met.	House Second Read 4/10/17
SB 464	Sen. Emery	Specifies that the board of education of each school district in the state may provide special educational related services of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathologist, assistive technology, and applied behavioral analysis services for children with disabilities between the ages of three and five if the child's parent	Referred: Senate Education Committee 3/2/17

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		<p>requests such services.</p> <p>Specifies that a school district providing such services shall receive funding in an amount per pupil calculated as described in the act. Permits local school districts to provide local funding in excess of the state funding.</p> <p>Specifies that the money appropriated for the costs required to fund special educational services shall not be less than \$55 million annually.</p>	
SB 476	Sen. Kraus	<p>Specifies that for any pupil residing in any school district in the state, the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee shall, upon proper application by the parent or guardian of the pupil, assign the pupil and any sibling of the pupil to another school district: 1) if the pupil has been enrolled in and attending a public school in his or her district of residence during the school year prior to the application; or 2) if the pupil has been enrolled in and attending a public school in a district other than his or her district of residence and paid nonresident tuition for such enrollment during the school year prior to the application; or 3) if the pupil is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade; and the following conditions are met: 1) the actual driving distance from the pupil's residence to the attendance center in the district of residence is fifteen miles or more by the shortest route available as determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee; 2) the attendance center to which the pupil would be assigned in the receiving district is at least five miles closer in actual driving distance by the shortest route available to the pupil's residence than the current attendance center in the district of residence as determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee; and 3) the attendance of the pupil will not cause the classroom in the receiving district to exceed the number of pupils per class as determined by the receiving district.</p> <p>Requires the board of education of the district in which the pupil resides shall pay the tuition of the pupil assigned. The tuition amount shall not exceed the pro rata cost of instruction.</p>	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 3/28/17
SB 478	Sen. Silvey	<p>Specifies that in the event of a breach of data maintained in an electronic form that includes personal information of a student, the school district shall notify the parent or legal guardian of the affected student. Notification of the breach shall also be sent to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the State Auditor.</p>	House Second Read 3/30/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
SB 485	Sen. Hoskins	Excludes funds designated by taxpayers in an urban district as early childhood education funds from the local tax revenue calculation used to provide funding to charter schools that declared themselves as a local education agency.	Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
SB 491	Sen. Silvey	Allows high school students to fulfill one unit of academic credit with a computer science course for any required science unit.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 4/11/17
SB 498	Sen. Nasheed	Establishes a partnership between the St. Louis school district, the city of St. Louis, and nonprofit organizations to allow students who are picked up by a law enforcement officer or safety officer for being absent from school to be taken to the nonprofit organization.	Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
SB 500	Sen. Emery	Provides that a statewide athletic association shall not prohibit a home school student from participating in any event or activity offered by a public school in the school district in which the student resides.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 3/2/17
SB 522	Sen. Sifton	Requires school buses to be equipped with safety belts.	Referred: Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee 3/9/17
SB 534	Sen. Eigel	Requires the school board of each school district, beginning in the 2017-2018 academic year, to establish a policy on student participation in statewide assessments that includes acknowledgment of a parent's or emancipated student's right to refuse participation in the statewide assessment. Requires school districts and public charter schools to provide a supervised study of academic content for students excused from the statewide assessments as provided by this section. Requires the study time to be considered instructional time for purposes of rules adopted by the State Board of Education.	Referred: Senate Education Committee 3/9/17
SCR 20	Sen. Rizzo	Reaffirms support for Missouri's sheltered workshops.	Referred: Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics

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			Committee 3/1/17
SJR 15	Sen. Rizzo	Requires the legislature to appropriate all funds to which public school districts are entitled under the funding formula established by law.	Referred: Senate General Laws Committee 2/2/17
SR 305	Sen Rowden	Reaffirms support for Missouri sheltered workshops	Referred: Senate Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee 2/22/17

HOUSE BILLS			
BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 67	Rep. 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.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/20/17
HB 94	Rep. Lauer	Allows students to take the ACT WorkKeys assessments instead of the ACT Plus Writing assessment in any school year in which the Department directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 3/28/17
HB 97	Rep. Swan	Permits the State Board of Education to grant a visiting scholar's certificate of license to teach grades 9 through 12 in public schools. Requires that the applicant be employed in a content area in which the individual has an academic degree or professional experience.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 98	Rep. Swan	Authorizes a tax credit for contributions to qualifying organizations for the purposes of providing funding for unmet health, hunger and hygiene needs for children in school. Requires the Department of Social Services to determine, at least annually, which organizations are qualified organizations.	Referred: House Rules – Administrative Oversight 4/13/17
HB 102	Rep. Swan	Provides that music therapists who have completed certain education and training requirements shall be deemed a certified music therapist by the Department for the purpose of providing certain services.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 118	Rep. Wood	<p>Student Transfers</p> <p>Specifies parental notification requirements for attendance centers which receive two or more consecutive APRs consistent with a classification of unaccredited. Specifies parental notification requirements for school districts which are classified as unaccredited.</p> <p>Allows for students attending an unaccredited school in an unaccredited school district for the full semester immediately prior to requesting a transfer to transfer to an accredited school within the school district. Allows for students in unaccredited school districts to transfer to accredited school districts or approved charter schools if there is no capacity at accredited schools in the unaccredited school district.</p> <p>Specifies that the tuition rate paid by a sending district to a district receiving transfer students shall not exceed the state adequacy target plus the average sum produced per</p>	HCS Adopted, Perfected with Amendments 4/13/17

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		<p>child by the local tax effort of the sending district.</p> <p>Allows the board of education of each available receiving district and the governing board of each approved charter school eligible to receive transfer students to set the number of transfer students the district or charter school is willing to receive.</p> <p>Specifies that students who have transferred to an approved charter school or to an accredited district in the same or an adjoining county, will be permitted to continue attending school in the receiving district or charter school through the completion of middle school, junior high school, or high school, whichever occurs first, if the unaccredited school district becomes provisionally accredited or fully accredited.</p> <p>Number of School Days Removes the minimum number of school days. Maintains the required minimum 1,044 hours of actual pupil attendance.</p> <p>School Start Date Beginning in school year 2018-2019 and subsequent years, public school districts may not set a school start date, absent an exemption the SBE grants, earlier than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September.</p> <p>Transportation Hardships Permits an appeal of the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee's decision to deny a hardship assignment to an arbitration board appointed by the chair of the joint committee on education.</p> <p>Public Bus Transportation Allows a school district to contract with municipalities to provide transportation to students.</p>	
HB 127	Rep. Kelley	Allows school districts to implement alternative instruction plans on any day school is cancelled due to inclement weather to avoid make-up days, not to exceed ten days in a school year. Requires the alternative instruction plan to include virtual learning or another method of instruction.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/13/17

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HB 138	Rep. Spencer	<p>Changes the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MOVIP) to "The Missouri Course Access Program" (MCAP) and allows any K-12 student to enroll in courses, to be paid by the school district, if the student has been enrolled full-time in a public school for at least one semester immediately prior to enrolling in MCAP, and the student has received approval to enroll from his or her school principal.</p> <p>Requires the school district to pay, for any one course for a student, the market necessary costs or fourteen percent of the state adequacy target as calculated at the end of the most recent school year.</p>	SCS Voted Do Pass: Senate Education Committee 4/11/17
HB 139	Rep. 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.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/3/17
HB 140	Rep. Spencer	Establishes the Student Accountability Act that gives those students with scores at least one point above the national or statewide average on various assessments a notation on their high school diploma.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 1/19/17
HB 141	Rep. Spencer	Allows school districts to be excused from compliance with certain statutes (i.e. spending funds for professional development) in the event of withholding of funds by the governor.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/27/17
HB 187	Rep. Swan	Requires school districts to establish comprehensive guidance and counseling programs for students attending school in the district.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 188	Rep. Swan	<p>Creates the Career and Technical Education Certification Program to provide students with the necessary technical employability skills to be prepared for an entry-level career in a technical field or additional training in a technical field.</p> <p>Requires the State Board of Education to establish a procedure allowing a student to receive credit toward graduation for completing a CTEC offering which include an industry certification, a state-issued professional license, an occupational competency assessment or a CTEC exam.</p>	Referred: House Workforce Development 2/16/17

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		Adds the director of the Department of Economic Development to the CTE Advisory Council.	
HB 189	Rep. Swan	<p>Establishes the Missouri K-12 education savings program board which includes the Commissioner of Education, State Treasurer, Commissioner of the Office of Administration, Director of the Department of Economic Development, and three other appointed members.</p> <p>Requires the established board to develop and implement the Missouri K-12 Education Savings Program and gives the board the authority to enter into agreements with any financial institution, the state, or any other federal agency or entity as required for the operation of the savings program; accept any grants, gifts, legislative appropriations, and other money from the state, any unit of federal, state, or local government, or any other person, firm, partnership, or corporation for deposit into the account of the savings program; invest the funds received from participants in appropriate investment instruments to achieve long-term total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income; make appropriate payments and distributions on behalf of beneficiaries in accordance with participation agreements; etc.</p> <p>Requires the board to establish contribution limits and a minimum length of time that contributions and earnings must be held by the savings program. Allows a participant to contribute all or part of his or her income tax refund (a minimum of \$25) into the savings program.</p> <p>Allows the established board to enter into savings program agreements with participants on behalf of beneficiaries. Defines a beneficiary as any individual designated by a participation agreement to benefit from payments for qualified K-12 expenses.</p> <p>Qualified K-12 expenses include: attendance at any school, private or public, that serves children in kindergarten or any grade not higher than twelfth grade; home school curriculum for kindergarten or any grade not higher than twelfth grade; tutoring for a student in kindergarten or any grade not higher than twelfth grade; books, supplies, or other educational materials for a student in kindergarten or any grade not higher than twelfth grade; enrollment in any online class with a curriculum intended for students in</p>	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 1/19/17

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		<p>kindergarten or any grade not higher than twelfth grade; internet access or computer technology or equipment to be used by a student in kindergarten or any grade not higher than twelfth grade for educational purposes; or educational therapies or services for a student in kindergarten or any grade not higher than twelfth grade who requires special education.</p> <p>Specifies for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, that the assets of the savings program held by the board and any income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Specifies income earned or received from the savings program shall not be subject to state income tax.</p>	
HB 201	Rep. Pogue	Prohibits school districts from collecting biometric information on students without the express written consent of parents or legal guardians.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/29/17
HB 239	Rep. Kelley	Requires every public elementary student enrolling in kindergarten or first grade to receive one comprehensive vision examination by a state licensed optometrist or physician, as specified within the bill.	Hearing Scheduled, Bill Not Heard: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/10/17
HB 253	Rep. Swan	<p>Requires the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council to annually review, update, approve, and publish a list of industry certifications, state-issued professional licenses, and occupational assessments.</p> <p>Allows students to take the ACT WorkKeys assessments instead of the ACT Plus Writing assessment in any school year in which the Department directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment.</p> <p>Adds the director of the Department of Economic Development to the CTE Advisory Council.</p>	SCS Voted Do Pass: Senate Education Committee 4/11/17
HB 254	Rep. Swan	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.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 257	Rep. Pfautsch	Requires each school district to establish a policy allowing acceleration for students who demonstrate advanced performance or potential for advanced performance and the social and emotional readiness for acceleration.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 263	Rep. Sommer	Requires school districts to post all publicly available budget, income, expenditure, and disbursement information for the current fiscal year online for public access.	Voted Do Pass: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/13/17
HB 267	Rep. Brattin	Establishes a policy that requires each state department to submit a budget analysis that reports expenditures to the appropriations committee that oversees the department.	Hearing Held: Budget 2/23/17
HB 271	Rep. Sommer	Specifies continuing education training for school board members, with additional training required for members serving districts with provisional accreditation.	1/5/17 Second Read
HB 280	Rep. Houghton	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.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/10/17
HB 310	Rep. Vescovo	Requires superintendents and assistant superintendents to be employed by school districts only by written contracts which: incorporate all provisions relating to compensation and benefits to be paid to or on behalf of the superintendent or assistant superintendent; specify the termination, buyout, and severance provisions, including all postemployment compensation and the period of time in which such compensation shall be provided; and state that any modification to the contract shall be in writing.	Referred: House Rules - Administrative Oversight 2/28/17
HB 324	Rep. Neely	Specifies that no school board shall suspend a pupil out of school for an act or acts of truancy.	Reported Do Pass: House Rules - Administrative Oversight 3/9/17
HB 354	Rep. Bahr	Specifies the 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: House Rules - Legislative Oversight 3/8/17

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HB 357	Rep. Bahr	Specifies that school districts which receive funding specifically because they have an average daily attendance of three hundred fifty students or less in the school year preceding the payment year must use the funds distributed only for distance learning, extraordinary transportation costs, rural teacher recruitment, and student learning opportunities not available within the district.	Voted Do Not Pass From Committee: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/27/17
HB 358	Rep. Bahr	Requires each State Board of Education meeting to be recorded by video, posted on the Department's website and archived.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 360	Rep. Newman	Specifies that a person commits a class E felony of making a threat to the security of a building or a public school, when a person communicates a knowingly false report that jeopardizes security procedures or knowingly causes a false belief or fear that causes the initiation of security procedures.	Referred: House Rule – Legislative Oversight 4/04/17
HB 370	Rep. Newman	Establishes programs and services to increase preventive health care services in the state	Second Read 1/5/17
HB 442	Rep. Gray	Requires the Board of Election Commissioners to establish, within St. Louis County, seven subdistricts for any school district that is within or adjoining another school district that itself is within, in whole or in part, a street light maintenance district with a population less than 3,000. The subdistricts will be established for the purposes of electing directors of the school district.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/3/17
HB 448	Rep. Houghton	Prohibits any person employed by a school district in this state as the district's Superintendent from being a candidate for a member or director of any school board in any school district in this state.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 1/23/17
HB 449	Rep. Houghton	Requires any statewide athletic organization with a public school district as a member to provide coaches for practices at the state fair.	Motion to Do Pass Failed: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/6/17
HB 454	Rep. 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 1/9/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 457	Rep. Swan	Allows children who attend early childhood education programs that are under contracts with districts or charter schools to be included in the average daily attendance of the district or charter school.	Reported Do Pass: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/30/17
HB 465	Rep. Cookson	Raises the minimum teacher salary for the 2018-19 school year and subsequent years, subject to appropriation.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/6/17
HB 466	Rep. Cookson	Increases funding under the school funding formula for school districts with an assessed valuation per student that fell within the lowest 10% of all school districts in the 2004-05 school year.	Second Read 1/9/17
HB 467	Rep. Cookson	Prohibits local school districts from setting an opening date for the school term that is more than 10 calendar days prior to the first Monday in September for school year 2018-19 and for subsequent years.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/10/17
HB 468	Rep. Cookson	Requires school financial audits to contain certain information relating to extracurricular activities within the school district.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 1/23/17
HB 469	Rep. Gannon	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.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 4/11/17
HB 473	Rep. Smith	Requires the State Board of Education to adopt a system of classification that accredits attendance centers within a district separately from the district as a whole. Requires that for school districts and attendance centers classified as unaccredited that the following intervention occur: the student-to-teacher ratio in the subject areas of mathematics, science, and language arts shall be reduced so as to not exceed a ratio of twenty-two students to one teacher; and the student-to-counselor ratio shall be reduced so as to not exceed a ratio of two hundred students to one counselor. Specifies that the aggregate amount of tuition, including transportation costs, charged	Second Read 1/9/17

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		by a receiving district during a school year for students transferring from an unaccredited district shall not exceed eight thousand dollars per student.	
HB 481	Rep. Fitzwater	Establishes a language assessment program to be coordinated by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for children who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth through the age of eight. Requires that on and after July 1, 2019, an annual language assessment shall be given to each child who is deaf or hard of hearing and who is less than nine years of age; the assessments will be administered by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing prior to age three and the student's school district after the age of three. Establishes an advisory committee on the language assessment program within the commission.	Referred: House Children and Families 2/16/17
HB 509	Rep. Ellington	Allows a school district to convert any school within its district into a magnet school. Specifies that in metropolitan districts, the school board, and not the superintendent, may appoint a commission of school buildings, as many associate and assistant superintendents as the board deems necessary, and have general supervision of all school buildings and infrastructure.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/27/17
HB 515	Rep. Ellington	Specifies that students must take a world history course prior to graduating from high school.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/29/17
HB 534	Rep. Higdon	Requires driver's education for all driver's license applicants who have never held a driver's license issued by the state of Missouri or any other state or territory of the United States or foreign country.	Second Read 1/10/17
HB 555	Rep. Ross	Requires that when a teacher from a district or charter school is considered for employment by another district or charter school the hiring district or charter school must request, and the former district or charter school must provide, specified information regarding any violation that was determined to be an actual violation and related to abusive behavior toward a student.	Hearing Held: General Laws 4/11/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 560	Rep. Redmon	Requires school bus drivers who are seventy years of age or older to complete the CDL Skills Test and the Driving Test on an annual basis.	Referred: House Rules - Administrative Oversight 3/1/17
HB 577	Rep. McCaherty	Creates the Public School Library Media and Technology Act and requires any school or school district that has a library to have a library media services program.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/27/17
HB 583	Rep. Cookson	Caps school superintendent salaries and requires publication of school employee salaries in local newspapers.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/6/17
HB 584	Rep. Cookson	Requires any statewide athletic organization with a public school district as a member to report to the joint committee on education during the legislative interim.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/3/17
HB 587	Rep. Redmon	Modifies the bonding requirement for the treasurer of a seven-director school district.	SCS Voted Do Pass: Senate Insurance and Banking Committee 4/12/17
HB 612	Rep. Matthiesen	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide statewide assessment results to school districts within forty-five days of the completion of student testing.	Hearing Scheduled, Bill Not Heard: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/13/17
HB 614	Rep. Ellington	Requires any course on driver's education offered in public schools to include instruction concerning law enforcement procedures for traffic stops.	Referred: House Crime Prevention and Public Safety 3/29/17
HB 624	Rep. Alferman	Authorizes the Gasconade R-II school district, which crosses county boundaries, to use the county that yields the highest dollar value modifier under the school foundation formula.	Second Read 1/18/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 631	Rep. Redman	This bill extends the time period for school bus drivers' annual statement from a medical examiner certifying that they can safely operate a school bus to two years if a medical examiner approved by the Department of Transportation agrees to issue a two year certification instead of a one year certification statement.	SCS Voted Do Pass Consent: Senate Education Committee 4/11/17
HB 633	Rep. Austin	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to recalculate the local effort figure of any school district that, in fiscal year 2005, recorded revenues from intangible taxes, the merchants' and manufacturers' surcharge, and payments in lieu of taxes other than tax increment financing in the district's teacher and incidental funds that caused an elevation of the district's local effort figure. Requires DESE to calculate the amount of state aid such a district would have received had the district placed these revenues in the capital projects fund or the debt service fund. This provision will become effective in the school year subsequent to a school year in which the foundation formula is fully funded and will remain in effect thereafter irrespective of the amount appropriated under the formula for subsequent years.	Second Read 1/19/17
HB 634	Rep. Roeber	Allows charter schools to operate in any school district in which at least one school building in the school district has received a score of 60% or less on its APR for two of the three most recent APRs available as of the date the charter school applies to open within the school district. Allows all charter schools to enroll nonresident students (students residing outside of the school district boundary in which the charter school exists). For any charter school seeking to open under the expansion provision, the charter school must submit the proposed charter to the local school board before the charter school submits its proposed charter to any other sponsor. This bill allows the local school board 60 days to consider the proposed charter and accept or decline the sponsorship. If the local school board declines to sponsor the charter school or does not respond within the specified time, any other authorized sponsor may enter into a sponsorship agreement. For charter schools operating under the expansion provision, charter schools may enroll nonresident students so long as it does not displace a resident student. The school district of residence must remit, for each student attending a charter school outside the district of residence, 90% of its average per pupil expenditure.	Hearing Held: Senate Education Committee 4/11/17

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		<p>All members of the governing board for charter schools must be resident taxpayers of Missouri. Allows current board members who are not resident taxpayers of Missouri to complete their terms.</p> <p>Allows charter school renewals for five-year term unless the charter school's APR score, other than a charter school in which 50% or more of the school's students were previously considered dropouts, is below the average of the APR scores of all non-selective grade level-equivalent school buildings in the school district in which the charter school is located for two of the three consecutive years immediately before a decision whether to renew is made. In that case such renewal will be for three years. If the charter school's APR continues to be lower for another two out of three years, the charter school term will not be renewed. Such renewal application will include a financial audit performed by the State Auditor, with costs paid for by the charter school.</p> <p>Allows a local school board of a school district not served by a high-quality career technical center to establish a charter school for the purpose of establishing a career and technical center. Allows nonresident students of a district in the same county or adjacent counties to enroll in the charter school established.</p>	
HB 643	Rep. Wood	Modifies the calculation of the full-time equivalent average daily attendance of summer school students.	Referred: House Rules - Administrative Oversight 2/14/17
HB 670	Rep. Sommer	Requires any district with a state-approved gifted education program to have a process that allows parents or guardians to appeal a determination that their child does not qualify for gifted services.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 675	Rep. Dohrman	<p>Reduces terms of office for members of the State Board of Education from eight years to four years and prohibits members from serving more than eight years on the board.</p> <p>Allows any board member to be subject to a recall vote if a petition signed by at least 8% of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the Congressional districts is submitted and verified by the Secretary of State. Requires a statewide election on recall must be held within 60 days after verification.</p>	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/20/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 677	Rep. Rowland	Allows 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 1,044 hours of actual pupil attendance.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 680	Rep. Fitzwater	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant a license to a Missouri-based nonprofit organization before January 1, 2018, to establish and operate four adult high schools.	SCS Voted Do Pass: Senate Economic Development 4/4/17
HB 683	Rep. Roeber	Allows a school board member in any school district to be removed by voters in a recall election, held upon the submission of a petition.	Second Read 1/20/17
HB 687	Rep. Taylor	Requires administration of a statewide assessment test for five years before any revisions to the test may be made.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/3/17
HB 695	Rep. Pfautsch	Allows students to satisfy the physical education requirement for high school graduation by participating in two sports within the same school year.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/20/17
HB 696	Rep. Kelley	Allows school districts to display on school property scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter and spring celebrations.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 711	Rep. Wood	Allows parents of children receiving habilitative services through an individualized education program to choose the provider.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 1/26/17
HB 727	Rep. Matthiesen	Adds additional reporting requirements by school employees to law enforcement agencies for acts committed by a pupil on school property or school bus or while involved in school activities.	HCS Voted Do Pass: House Judiciary 4/11/17
HB 745	Rep. Brattin	Requires that all school restrooms, locker rooms, and shower rooms accessible for use by multiple students shall be designated for and used by male or female students only.	Second Read 1/26/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 751	Rep. Roeber	Requires school board elections for seven director school districts, urban school districts, and school districts with subdistricts to be held during the November general election. For all existing school boards not holding an initial election the terms will be staggered and four years in length, as specified in the bill. Any member whose term ends in 2019 or any other odd-number year will serve until the election in the following even-numbered year.	Second Read 1/26/17
HB 773	Rep. Dogan	Establishes the education savings account program.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/2/17
HB 793	Rep. Bahr	Removes the requirement to maintain a log of activities and student work, as specified in the bill. Requires a local prosecutor to have reasonable suspicion of a violation before reviewing home school records. Requires school officials to keep individually identifiable information of home school students and parents confidential unless the parent gives written consent to share such information; however, such confidential information may be transmitted to another agent of the public school for administrative purposes, to a local prosecutor if he or she has reasonable suspicion of a violation, or as otherwise authorized by law. Repeals a section about parental notices of home school enrollment to a county recorder of deeds.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/16/17
HB 799	Rep. Lauer	Allows teachers to count hours spent in externships with local businesses as professional development hours.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 820	Rep. Cookson	Allows any student in kindergarten through grade 12 to apply to attend a school in a nonresident district. Requires each school district to participate in a Public School Parental Choice Program and the board of education of each school to adopt the standards for acceptance or rejection of a transfer application.	Second Read 2/2/17

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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
HB 830	Rep. Spencer	<p>Requires the school board of each school district, beginning in the 2017-2018 academic year, to establish a policy on student participation in statewide assessments that includes acknowledgment of a parent's or emancipated student's right to refuse participation in the statewide assessment.</p> <p>Requires school districts and public charter schools to provide a supervised study of academic content for students excused from the statewide assessments as provided by this section. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a form to excuse a student from taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress or a statewide assessment.</p> <p>Requires the study time to be considered instructional time for purposes of rules adopted by the State Board of Education.</p> <p>Requires the results of a statewide assessment be provided to students in a timely manner and in a manner that is understandable to the student.</p>	Second Read 2/6/17
HB 844	Rep. Dunn	Requires, by July 1, 2018, each school district's policy for addressing strategies that can help identify students who are at possible risk of suicide to include consultation with school and community stakeholders, any mental health professionals employed by the school district, and suicide prevention experts.	Second Read 2/6/17
HB 862	Rep. Kidd	Requires teachers and principals to complete two hours of suicide prevention education each school year.	Second Read 2/8/17
HB 868	Rep. Bahr	<p>Allows a taxpayer, for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, to donate cash, stock, bonds, or other marketable securities for purposes of claiming a tax credit, to an educational assistance organization. Limits the cumulative amount of tax credits that may be allocated to all taxpayers contributing to educational assistance organizations in any one calendar year to \$25 million, but allows for the limit to increase by 20% if in the prior year, the annual tax credit amount was equal to or greater than 90% of the tax credit limitation.</p> <p>Specifies that the scholarship account payments are not to exceed a total grant amount equal to the state adequacy target as calculated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.</p>	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 2/16/17

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		<p>Elementary and secondary students eligible to receive Missouri empowerment scholarship funds are residents of Missouri who: were enrolled in a public school at least one count day from the prior school year; or previously participated in the Missouri empowerment scholarship account program; or are eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade; or are attending school for the first time.</p> <p>Requires the student to enroll in a qualified school which is defined as a home school, private school, public school, or any public or private virtual school that is located in Missouri and complies with the nondiscrimination policies set forth in 42 U.S.C. 1981.</p> <p>Specifies that the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship funds are to be used only for expenses of the student which include: tuition or fees at a private school, or textbooks; educational therapies or services for the student from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider; tutoring services provided by a tutor; curriculum; tuition or fees from private online learning programs; fees for nationally standardized exams; and others as described.</p> <p>Allows the use of Missouri empowerment scholarship funds for computer hardware or other technological devices and transportation of the student. Prohibits the use of the funds for consumable educational supplies (i.e. paper, pens, pencils, or markers).</p>	
HB 872	Rep. Davis	Creates a definition of secondary school to include grades lower than ninth grade.	Second Read 2/8/17
HB 888	Rep. Basye	Modifies criminal background checks of school bus drivers to include those drivers employed by municipalities or any other entity under contract with a school district. Authorizes any school board in the state of Missouri to contract with any municipality for the purpose of transporting school children.	Set on House Calendar: House Bills for Perfection 4/13/17
HB 901	Rep. May	Requires high schools to provide information to students on college admissions and financial aid.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/27/17

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HB 902	Rep. Barnes	Requires a school board of a district that has been unaccredited for three years to appoint a parent of a student to the board.	Hearing Scheduled, Bill Not Heard: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/27/17
HB 903	Rep. Kelley	Allows funding under the statewide telecommunications equipment distribution program to be used to provide hearing aids for certain low-income individuals.	Referred: House Rules - Legislative Oversight 3/14/17
HB 926	Rep. Curtman	Specifies that for any pupil residing in any school district in the state, the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee shall, upon proper application by the parent or guardian of the pupil, assign the pupil and any sibling of the pupil to another school district: 1) if a pupil has been enrolled in and attending a public school in his or her district of residence during the school year prior to the application; or 2) if the pupil has been enrolled in and attending a public school in a district other than his or her district of residence and paid nonresident tuition for such enrollment during the school year prior to the application; or 3) if the pupil is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade; and the following conditions are met: 1) the actual driving distance from the pupil's residence to the attendance center in the district of residence is fifteen miles or more by the shortest route available as determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee; 2) the attendance center to which the pupil would be assigned in the receiving district is at least five miles closer in actual driving distance by the shortest route available to the pupil's residence than the current attendance center in the district of residence as determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee; and 3) the attendance of the pupil will not cause the classroom in the receiving district to exceed the number of pupils per class as determined by the receiving district. The board of education of the district in which the pupil resides shall pay the tuition of the pupil assigned. The tuition amount shall not exceed the pro rata cost of instruction.	Action Postponed: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/3/17
HB 948	Rep. Bahr	Allows computer science to count as a science course for purposes of high school graduation requirements.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/10/17
HB 952	Rep Rowland	Permits school boards which provide information on influenza disease to parents and guardians of students to include the following information about influenza disease and	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary

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		influenza vaccinations: (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission of influenza disease; (2) A list of sources for additional information; and (3) Related recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.	Education 3/29/17
HB 970	Rep. Austin	Allows for the operation of virtual public schools to be hosted by an accredited school district or charter school. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to deduct from the state aid payment made to a virtual transfer student's district of residence fifteen percent of the state aid attributable to each student calculated in the foundation formula and credit that amount to the virtual public school of choice. Specifies that the virtual public school will receive any other federal or state aid that a school district receives on behalf of a virtual resident student or virtual transfer student.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/6/17
HB 1004	Rep. Roberts	Requires the Adjutant General to establish the "Missouri Youth Challenge Academy" to provide positive interventions for at-risk school-age youth. Currently, the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard may establish the academy.	Voted Do Pass: House Special Committee on Urban Issues 4/3/17
HB 1030	Rep. Butler	Requires school districts to establish special programs for gifted children when a sufficient number of children are determined to be gifted and their development requires programs or services beyond the level of those ordinarily provided in regular public school programs.	Hearing Scheduled, Bill Not Heard: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/10/17
HB 1031	Rep. Butler	Establishes the Missouri Parent/Teacher Involvement Act. Providing grants to schools with the purpose of building trusting relationships between families and school staff. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to coordinate and administer the program, and priority is given to school districts scoring in the lowest 20% on their assessment program scores.	Second Read 2/27/17

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HB 1053	Rep. Cookson	Specifies for each student attending school in a district who earns an industry-recognized certification that has high employment value or that results in college credit, the school district must subtract funds from those budgeted for the district's executive administration expenses and transfer the moneys for the purposes described: (a) Collaborate with local industries and employers to meet workforce needs by offering additional industry-recognized certifications to students; and (b) Pay for fees for the administration of examinations leading to industry-recognized certifications.	Second Read 3/1/17
HB 1076	Rep. Fitzwater	Establishes an advisory committee by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to monitor the tracking of language development milestones of certain children.	Referred: House Children and Families 3/29/17
HB 1084	Rep. Rone	Requires public schools to provide home school students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities.	Hearing Scheduled, Bill Not Heard: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/3/17
HB 1101	Rep. Rowland	Requires that an appropriately endorsed human driver be present behind the wheel of any public school bus at all times that the bus is in motion.	Second Read 3/1/17
HB 1113	Rep. Bangert	Requires ninth grade students in public schools to take a course relating to various educational and career opportunities.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/11/17
HB 1121	Rep. Unsicker	Specifies that if a pupil who was suspended moves to a new school district and attempts to enroll in the district or attempts to enroll in a charter school, the school board of the new school district or the governing board of the charter school must hold a hearing to determine any remedial actions needed and whether to allow the student to attend the school district or charter school. Specifies that if a pupil has had a petition dismissed or been acquitted or adjudicated not to have committed any of the acts specified under subdivision (4) of subsection 3 of Section 167.171, RSMo, the student will be readmitted if, after a hearing is held, the student is determined not to have committed any of the acts on school property, on any	Second Read 3/2/17

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		school bus, or while involved in school activities.	
HB 1122	Rep. Unsicker	Prohibits the removal of any pupil to an alternative school or virtual school, or expulsion of a pupil, or suspension of a pupil for more than 10 days without giving the pupil notice of the charges, an opportunity to present his or her version of the incident, and the ability to appeal the action to the school board. Requires the local school board to provide the procedures and conduct of such hearings and provide the parents or others having custodial care notice and opportunity to appear. Prohibits a school board from suspending any pupil out of school for an act or acts of truancy.	Second Read 3/2/17
HB 1123	Rep. Trent	Allows school districts to display on school property scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/16/17
HB 1131	Rep. Burnett	Modifies the length of terms of office for certain members of the Kansas City Public School board of directors to ensure that terms are staggered.	Second Read 3/2/17
HB 1132	Rep. Christofanelli	Removes the formula for districts with an average daily attendance of 350 or less and requires DESE to use the same formula for all qualifying districts. Modifies the definition of "dollar-value modifier (DVM)" from one plus 15% of the difference of the regional wage ration minus one to 10%. Modifies the multipliers used for the calculation of the weighted average daily attendance.	Hearing Held: House Budget 4/5/17
HB 1142	Rep. Dohrman	Requires that within the first year of each additional, consecutive term of office, a board member complete at least six hours of continuing education. Requires board members serving in districts that are provisionally accredited or in districts that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has identified as needing additional support to complete a total of 12 additional hours of continuing	Second Read 3/2/17

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		education. Specifies that failure to comply with the training or education requirements will result in forfeiture of board membership.	
HB 1145	Rep. Bangert	Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a grant program to extend instructional time in underperforming districts.	Second Read 3/2/17
HB 1146	Rep. Swan	Removes the current requirement for a school district to have a salary schedule applicable to all teachers and replaces it with a required compensation plan.	Second Read 3/2/17
HB 1161	Rep. Bahr	Modifies provisions relating to academic performance standards.	Second Read 3/2/17
HB 1165	Rep. Houghton	Requires each school board and each governing body of a charter school to establish a policy regarding abusive conduct. Abusive conduct is defined as verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a parent or student directed toward a school employee that, based on its severity, nature, and frequency of occurrence, a reasonable person would determine is intended to cause intimidation, humiliation, or unwarranted distress. A single act does not constitute abusive conduct. Requires a copy of the policy must be distributed to parents and included in any student and employee handbook.	Second Read 3/2/17
HB 1186	Rep. Trent	Requires the State Board of Education to provide a comprehensive budget that is published for public review on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) website along with a table of changes in federal education laws and regulations and state and federal judicial rulings that directly affect the management of public schools. Requires the board to provide accurate and documented testimony during all communications with members of the legislature and legislative committees.	Hearing Held: House Elementary and Secondary Education 4/10/17
HB 1216	Rep. Curtman	Requires the joint committee on education to undertake additional duties related to oversight of the state education system.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education

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HB 1217	Rep. Curtman	Repeals the "Success Leads to Success" grant program.	Second Read 3/2/17
HCB 4	Rep. Lauer	Allows students to take the ACT WorkKeys assessments instead of the ACT Plus Writing assessment in any school year in which the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment. Allows teachers to count hours spent in externships with local businesses as professional development hours.	Perfected 4/12/17
HCB 5	Rep. Lauer	Requires each school district, after the 2017-18 school year, to offer a course on computer programming to all high school students.	Perfected 4/12/17
HCR 28	Rep. Rowland	Reaffirms Missouri's support of the services of the sheltered workshops of our state.	Voted Do Pass: Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics 4/13/17
HCR 39	Rep. Houghton	Urges the Missouri School Boards' Association and the Missouri Association of School Administrators to address conflicts of interest for school board members and superintendents.	Referred: House Elementary and Secondary Education 3/29/17
HJR 29	Rep. Dohrman	Proposes a constitutional amendment to reduce the terms of office for members of the State Board of Education from eight-year terms to four-year terms.	Set on House Calendar: House Joint Resolutions for Perfection 4/13/17
HR 1025	Rep. Ross	Encourages Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools Act	Offered 3/14/17