

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 161.092, RSMo

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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 truly agreed and finally passed 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.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2015 Regular Session

May 2015

Missouri Department
of Elementary and Secondary Education

2 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed Legislation

- HB 41 – School Funding Formula
- HB 42 – Student Transfer
- HB 63 – St. Joseph School District
- HB 501 – Human Sexuality Course Materials
- HB 629 – Public School Retirement System
- HB 979 – School District Treasurer Bonding
- SB 107 – Speech Language Pathologists
- SB 116 – Proof of Residency and Domicile Exemption

House Bill 42

- School Classification and Accreditation
- Student Transfers
 - 1) Tuition 2) Enrollment Requirements 3) Regional Educational Authorities
- Charter School Accountability and Expansion
- Virtual Schools
- Student Promotion

School Classification and Accreditation

- The SBE must adopt a policy to classify individual schools within a district.
- The school's classification must be solely based on a 3-year average of the school's APR scores.

School Classification and Accreditation

- 45 days
 - Within 45 days of this legislation becoming law, the SBE must classify schools in unaccredited school districts.
- 90 days
 - Within 90 days of this legislation becoming law, the SBE must classify schools in provisionally accredited school districts.

School Classification and Accreditation

- January 1, 2016
 - By Jan. 1, 2016, the SBE must classify schools in urban, metropolitan, Jackson County, and St. Louis County school districts.
 - (St. Louis City, Springfield, St. Joseph, Columbia, Lee's Summit, Independence, O'Fallon)
 - By Jan. 1, 2016, the SBE must develop, through administrative rule, an accreditation classification system to classify all schools in the state, with some exemptions.

Student Transfers - Tuition

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- Tuition
 - No tuition cap
 - No 5-year forgiveness of student scores in exchange for accepting a reduced tuition
- Reduced Tuition
 - Receiving district or charter school may limit the number of transfer students accepted at the reduced tuition rate
 - Calculation
 - $\text{Tuition} = (\text{Average Per-Pupil Expenditures of All Available Receiving Districts} \div \text{All Available Receiving District}) \times .70$

Student Transfers - Tuition

- Reduced Tuition Incentive
 - Receiving district accepting the reduced tuition that have enrolled a minimum of 25 transfer students **and** those students' growth measures have met or exceed MSIP targets, will earn additional credit in academic achievement on its annual performance report for each of the first two full school years.

Student Transfers – Eligibility

- Transfer Eligibility
 - Any student who transferred from an unaccredited district to an accredited district in the same or an adjoining county in school year 2013-14 or school year 2014-15 but did not attend a public school in the unaccredited district for the semester prior to the transfer, unless the student was entering kindergarten or first grade when he or she transferred, will no longer be eligible to transfer in school year 2015-16.

Student Transfers – Who May Transfer

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	Intra-District	Inter-District	Charter School
Accreditation Status	✓	✓	✓
Attending Unaccredited Schools in Unaccredited School Districts	✓	✓	✓
Unaccredited Schools in Provisionally Accredited Districts if the school district is an urban, metropolitan, St. Louis County or Jackson County school district: Springfield, St. Joseph, Columbia, Lee's Summit, Independence, O'Fallon, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jackson County	✓	✓	✓

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Student Transfers – Education Authorities

- Responsible for coordinating transfers
 - Parent or child's first choice is most important
 - Other factors: best interest of student, distance, travel time
- DESE is permitted to coordinate transfers until the members of the authorities are appointed.
- Authorities may deny a transfer to a student, who in the most recent school year, has been suspended from school two or more times or has been suspended for an act of school violence.

Charter School – Accountability Measures

- Requires that the contract between a sponsor and a charter school contain performance consequences aligned with the MSIP annual performance report evaluations of public schools.
- Sponsors' policies must require charter schools to meet current state academic performance standards.
- DESE is authorized to withhold funds once a sponsor notifies a charter school of closure.

Charter School Expansion – Where May Charter Schools Operate

	May Operate
Unaccredited Districts	
Provisionally Accredited Districts	
A Metropolitan District	
An urban school district containing most or all of a city with a population greater than 350,000 inhabitants	
Any District in St. Louis County	
Any District in Jackson County (exempting Lone Jack, Center, and Oak Grove)	

Virtual School Instruction

- Courses must be aligned with the Show-Me curriculum standards
- Courses must comply with state requirements for teacher certification
- The SBE reserves the right to request information and materials to evaluate any online course
- School districts have no authority to limit which virtual schools students “attend”
 - School districts are obligated to remit tuition to any virtual school chosen

Virtual School Enrollment

- Permits students to enroll in a virtual school of choice if the child is enrolled in and **has attended for at least one semester immediately prior** to enrolling in the virtual school, any of the following:
 - An **unaccredited school** in **any district** in the state
 - A school in an **unaccredited district**
 - A school in a **provisionally accredited district**
 - A school in **any Jackson County school district**
 - A school in **any St. Louis County school district**
 - A school in **St. Louis City**

Virtual School Enrollment

	May Enroll
Attending any unaccredited school	
Attending school in an unaccredited district	
Attending school in a provisionally accredited district	
Attending school in any Jackson County school district	
Attending school in any St. Louis County school district	
Attending school in the St. Louis City (SLPS) school district	

Student Promotion

- Students in fifth grade or eighth grade, in underperforming districts in St. Louis County cannot be promoted to the next grade level if they are two or more years below grade level as measured by quantifiable student performance data designated by the local school district.
- Exempts students with an individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan.

Questions / Comments