



## Missouri Education Policy Update Week of February 18, 2025

### House News

#### House Bills of Interest:

- **Childcare Tax Credits** - On Monday the House Legislative Review Committee passed HB269 (Shields), which establishes 3 separate tax credit programs to incentivize childcare options, by a vote of 7-3.
- **School Safety** - On Monday the House Emerging Issues Committee heard HB416 (Shields), which establishes school safety protocols.
- **Cardiac Emergency Response Plans** - On Tuesday the House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee heard HB232 (Gallick), which requires schools to have a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) and working AED on school campuses.
- **Media Literacy, Critical Thinking, & Appropriate Online Behavior** - On Tuesday the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee passed HB116 (Murphy), which establishes a pilot program across 7 diverse schools in the state for the instruction of media literacy, critical thinking, and appropriate online behavior, by a vote of 17-1.
- **Teacher Externships** - On Tuesday the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee heard HB267 (Shields), which create provisions restoring teacher externships.
- **Reading Instruction** - On Tuesday the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee heard HB941 (Lewis), which prohibit certain models of reading instruction from being the primary model.
- **Teachers of Tomorrow** - On Tuesday the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee heard HB1153 (Williams), which allow individuals with a certification from Teachers of Tomorrow to teach in the state.
- **State Aid for Teacher Salaries** - On Tuesday the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee heard HB368 (Banderman), which clarifies state statute for schools participating in the small schools grant program to continue receiving state aid

to meet the state's minimum teacher salary if the schools 169 required days of instruction are interrupted due to inclement weather.

#### **Next Week in the House:**

- **Use of Charter School Property** - On Monday the House Emerging Issues Committee will hear HB1062 (Terry), HB1254 (Baker), HB1363 (Hruza), modifying provisions governing Charter School Property
- **Nonresident Pupils** - On Wednesday the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee will hear HB1238 (Haley), modifying provisions regulating Pupil Attendance at Nonresident Schools

#### **Senate News**

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- **Student Surveys** - On Monday the Senate Government Efficiency Committee passed SB223 (Coleman), which prohibits school districts from distributing student surveys without prior parental review and consent by a vote of 4-1.
- **Cardiac Emergency Response Plans** - On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee heard SB155 (McCreery) and SB166 (K.Gregory), which require schools to have a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) and working AED on school campuses.
- **Engineering Degree Tax Credit** - On Tuesday the Senate Emerging Issues Committee heard SB190 (J.Brown), which establishes three tax credit incentive programs for individuals relocating to, studying, or obtaining degrees in engineering in the state.
- **School Safety Assessments** - On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee passed SB42 (Mosley), which requires public and public charter schools in St. Louis County and City to be assessed annually for safety.
- **First Responder College Tuition** - On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee passed SB71 (D.Gregory), which establishes a program to provide free college tuition for eligible first responders and their dependents at public colleges and universities in the state by a vote of 7-0.
- **School Safety** - On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee passed SB68 (Henderson) - Requiring reporting of certain school safety incidents and prohibiting the use of cell phones by students during instructional time by a vote of 7-0.

- **Curriculum Prohibitions** - On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee passed SB115 (Brattin), which prohibits the teaching of certain concepts, including the 1619 Project, prohibits biological male participation in women's sports permanently, and establishes a Parent's Bill of Rights, by a vote of 5-2.
- **Private and Home School Tax Credits** - On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee heard SB195 (Brattin) and SB53 (Schroer), which create a tax credit of 100% of the costs associated with tuition or educational expenses for homeschool and private school students.
- **Student Assessments** - On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee will hear SB360 (Carter), which modify requirements for state school district assessments through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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