



Missouri Education Policy Update

Week of February 24, 2025

House News

House Bills of Interest:

- **Teacher Externships** – On Wednesday the **House – Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** voted on HB 267 (Shields) in Executive Session. This was passed 18 – 0. This bill repeals the sunset provision for the teacher externship program that expired August 28th, 2024.
- **Modifies Provisions Governing Pupil Attendance at Nonresident Schools** – On Wednesday the **House – Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** heard HB 1238 (Haley) which expands who can qualify for this tuition waiver and state aid qualification and allows any child whose parent is a contractor or regular employee of a nonresident school district to attend such school district without paying tuition and to count as a resident pupil for the purpose of state aid.
- **Board of Education to Issue Certificates of License to Teach Upon Certification by Teachers for Tomorrow** – On Wednesday the **House – Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** heard HB 1153 (Williams) which authorizes the State Board of Education to issue a Missouri teaching certificate for individuals certified by Teachers of Tomorrow with verification of their ability to work with children with 60 contact hours in the classroom.

Next Week in the House:

- Aligned anticipates movement on two key bills from Representative Shields. *HB 267*, which focuses on Teacher Externships, will be heard in the House Consent and Procedures Committee, while *HB 269*, addressing tax credits for childcare, will be read for the first time in the Senate.

Senate News

Senate Bills of Interest:

- **Cardiac Emergency Response Plan** - On Tuesday the **Senate Education Committee** voted do pass on SB 166 (Gregory) which requires every public school to develop and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the

appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on a school campus. Similar bill SB 155 (McCreery).

- **Tax Credit for Certain Education Expenses** - On Tuesday the **Senate Education Committee** voted do pass on SB 195 (Brattin), which authorizes a taxpayer to claim a tax credit in an amount equal to one hundred percent of qualified expenses incurred during the tax year for educating a qualified student in a private school or home school. Similar bill SB 53 (Schroer).
- **Higher Education Core Curriculum** - On Tuesday the **Senate Education Committee** voted do pass on SB 69 (Henderson), which provides that the Coordinating Board for Higher Education shall approve a 60 credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for degree programs in the following subjects: general business, elementary education and teaching, general psychology, registered nursing, and general biology or biological science, or both.
- **Amends the Constitution to Assert the Right of Parents to Participate in and Direct the Education of their Children Free From Government Interference** – On Tuesday the **Senate Education Committee** voted do pass on SJR6 (Brattin), which This proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, provides that the government shall not deny or infringe upon a parent's fundamental right to participate in and direct the education of his or her child, including, but not limited to, the right to home school or otherwise educate a child outside of the public school system free from government regulation, regardless of whether the parent receives financial assistance from the government for purposes of educating a child; the right to access the curricula and lesson plans of the public school and school district in which a child is enrolled; the right to educate a child in a public school that does not teach students or train teachers on critical race theory or diversity-equity-inclusion; and the right to educate a child in a public school that is not required to conform its curriculum to statewide learning standards, as provided in the amendment.
- **Modifies Provisions Relating to Special Administrative Boards for Unaccredited School Districts** - On Tuesday the **Senate Education Committee** heard SB 306 (Mosley), which upon classification of a school district as unaccredited, the State Board of Education may suspend the governing or managing authority of the elected school board members of the unaccredited school district and take actions relating to special administrative boards as set forth in the act.
- **Requires Public Institutions of Higher Education to Adopt a Policy Relating to International Baccalaureate Examinations** – On Tuesday the **Senate Education Committee** heard SB 243 (Nurreber), which requires public institutions of higher

education to adopt a policy for undergraduate course credit for any student who receives a score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate exam.

Next Week in the Senate:

Aligned does not anticipate any legislative activity next week related to bill of interest.