

Promote Educational Opportunities

A+ Scholarships/Private High School Graduates

Original Bill: [HB 3](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Smith, Cody (R)

Description: Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education, including funding for A+ scholarships for private/parochial school students.

Position Statement: Support in part: A+ college scholarships are now available on a non-discriminatory basis to graduates of both public and nonpublic high schools. This is an important appropriation as a matter of basic fairness and part of government's obligation to uphold the common good, including creating access to education. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, pars. 1903, 1908) 02/19/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 H Meeting set for 12:00 PM, HR 3, House-Budget

Empowerment Scholarships

Original Bill: [HB 34](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Stacy, Dan (R)

Description: Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

Position Statement: Support with amendments: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children. The proposal that 100% of donations be eligible for a tax credit undermines the purpose of tax credits in leveraging private dollars and raising more funds to offer more scholarships. 01/25/19

Last Action: 1-10-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [HB 478](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 478 **Sponsor:** Christofanelli, Phil (R)

Description: Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

Position Statement: Support with amendments: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children. The proposal that 100% of donations be eligible for a tax credit undermines the purpose of tax credits in leveraging private dollars and raising more funds to offer more scholarships. 01/25/19

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

Original Bill: [SB 160](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 160 **Sponsor:** Koenig, Andrew (R)

Description: Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

Position Statement: Support with amendments: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children. The proposal that 100% of donations be eligible for a tax credit undermines the purpose of tax credits in leveraging private dollars and raising more funds to offer more scholarships. 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
