

Support Educational Opportunities

Education Choice

Original Bill: [SB81](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 81 **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman

Description: Authorizes parents to choose the school that their children attend.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation assists parents in choosing a school for their child that corresponds to their own moral convictions. (Catechism, par. 2229) 01/13/23

Last Action: 02/06/2023 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Education Reform

Original Bill: [SB226](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

Description: Authorizes a tax credit for certain education expenses.

Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23

Last Action: 03/23/2023 S - Voted Do Pass

Original Bill: [SB255](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Description: Establishing the Education Savings Account program.

Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23

Last Action: 03/07/2023 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted

Empowerment Scholarships

Original Bill: [HB243](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Josh Hurlbert (R)

Description: Expands the availability of Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts to qualified students living in any county with at least one hundred thousand inhabitants.

Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

Original Bill: [HB244](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Josh Hurlbert (R)

Description: Expands the definition of a qualified student for purposes of eligibility for Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts.

Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

Original Bill: [HB245](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Josh Hurlbert (R)

Description: Allows students who are qualified for Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts to remain eligible in years after the student accepted no grant.

Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

Original Bill: [HB332](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Josh Hurlbert (R)
Description: Expands the definition of a qualified student for purposes of eligibility for Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts.
Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23
Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

Original Bill: [HB350](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 350 **Sponsor:** Rep. Phil Christofanelli (R)
Description: Expands Missouri empowerment scholarship amounts for students with special needs.
Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23
Last Action: 04/24/2023 H - Reported Do Pass

Original Bill: [HB572](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chris Sander (R)
Description: Modifies provisions relating to Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts.
Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23
Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

Original Bill: [HB875](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Josh Hurlbert (R)
Description: Expands the availability of Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts to qualified students living in counties containing a city with at least thirty thousand inhabitants.
Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23
Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

Original Bill: [SB360](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 360 **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig (R)
Description: Modifies provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.
Position Statement: Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/13/23
Last Action: 04/04/2023 S - Placed on Informal Calendar
