

Support Educational Opportunities

Education Choice

Original Bill: [SB572](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Legislation assists parents in choosing a school for their child that corresponds to their own moral convictions. (*Catechism*, par. 2229) 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Education

Empowerment Scholarships

Original Bill: [HB519](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Matthiesen (R)

Description: Changes the definition of "qualified student" for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/19/2025 H - Referred to committee - House-Elementary and Secondary Education

ESA Funding

Original Bill: [HB12](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 12 **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the State Treasurer. Section 12.190 provides \$50 million to the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Fund.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support funding to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 04/11/25

Last Action: 05/01/2025 S - conference committee established
