

HB 2104 -- EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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This bill modifies the current amount of tax credits for contributions to educational assistance organizations (EAO) for Missouri Empowerment Scholarships from \$50 million to \$75 million and provides for an annual adjustment to align with any percentage increase in pupil transportation funding above 90%.

The bill also provides additional funding for students with limited English proficiency, free and reduced lunch, and for students with an approved individualized education program.

The bill removes requirements that home school parents pass a background check before receiving funds and for any year that the total contributions to EAOs exceeds \$25 million an additional EAO may be certified above the current limit of 10.

This bill modifies the definition of "qualified student" from students residing in specific counties or cities with 30,000 inhabitants and 200% of the income for qualification for free and reduced lunch to any elementary or secondary school student in the state with up to 400% of such income standard.