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Section	Original Bill Sponsor	Status as of 4/28/25	Description
161.670, RSMo	<p>Senator Fitzwater</p> <p>Similar to HCS for HB 220 LEWIS</p>	<p>Underlying Bill</p> <p>Referred: Rules - Administrative(H)</p>	<p>MISSOURI COURSE ACCESS AND VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM</p> <p>The bill specifies that any virtual school or program that is part of the Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program can administer any Statewide assessment virtually. This bill outlines requirements for virtual assessments, including the monitoring of students via a camera and maintaining a student-to-proctor ratio that is targeted at 10 to one or lower.</p>
<p>160.1052, 160.1053, 160.1054 & 160.1055</p>	<p>HCS for HB 1287 & 744</p> <p>Lewis & Baker</p>	<p>Education (H) 18-0</p> <p>04/10/2025 - Referred: Rules - Administrative(H)</p>	<p>MISSOURI EDUCATORS AND PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT AND RIGHTS ACT</p> <p>This bill establishes the "Missouri Educators and Parental Empowerment and Rights Act", which recognizes the profound effect parents and teachers have on the educational success of Missouri's children and the important role that education plays in our preservation of rights and liberties.</p> <p>The bill also includes the "Parents' Bill of Rights" and the "Educators' Bill of Rights", which outline specific rights for parents of school children including but not limited to, having knowledge of what is being taught; viewing, and upon request, receiving copies of school records; and being informed about the child's safety.</p> <p>Educator rights include, but are not limited to, freedom from student and parent abuse, classroom preparation time during contract hours and to teach in a safe, secure, and orderly environment. The bill requires school districts and charter schools in the State to develop policies and procedures to foster and maintain collaboration between parents and teachers and enumerate parental rights and educator rights. Policies include notification to parents of serious disciplinary incidents and procedures for parental visits during school hours.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill provides that policies and procedures be published on the school website and teachers, school administrators, parents, and students be informed of their rights.</p> <p>The bill outlines a student code of conduct that will set forth expectations for behavior consistent with ethical responsibility, community standards, and respect for school authority.</p> <p>The code of conduct must include high expectations of personal responsibility, encouraging students to uphold traditional values such as honesty, diligence, and civility, include measures to address and correct disruptive behavior, and will clearly prohibit any policy or program</p>

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			<p>that differentiates treatment of students primarily on the basis of race or other immutable characteristics, ensuring that all disciplinary measures are applied equally and fairly to every student.</p> <p>School counselors and other qualified personnel must offer interventions that emphasize respect for others, problem solving, and perseverance. School boards and charter schools must adopt board policies by the beginning of the 2026-27 school year, as outlined in the bill. The bill requires that schools must make efforts to facilitate parental engagement through regular communication, opportunities for parents to review the policy handbook, and the provision of resources that support ethical responsibility and community standards at home. Schools also must ensure that teachers and staff are trained to maintain order, encourage compliance, foster civility, and encourage personal responsibility.</p>
160.261, 160.263, 160.775, 162.065, 162.069, 167.950, 168.331, 170.048 & 170.315	HCS HB 332 Kelley	Referred: Rules- Admin(H)	<p>SCHOOL EMPLOYEE TRAINING</p> <p>Beginning with the 2025-26 school year this language modifies the current required training that school employees must receive annually. The bill requires that newly hired employees receive instruction on a variety of topics annually for the first three years of employment, such topics include: school discipline, seclusion and restraint, school bullying, employee-student communications, mandatory reporting, dyslexia and related disorders, youth suicide awareness and prevention, and active shooter and intruder response training.</p> <p>All other employees will be provided training and education on these topics as determined by the school district based on the specific needs of the district and each employee instead of annually. All employees are required to be trained for a minimum of three years for any newly developed trainings required by state law beginning in the 2026-27 school year. Additionally, employees must receive Federal trainings and trainings for specific job requirements as specified.</p>
160.2700, 160.2705& 160.2710	HCS HB 32 Davidson Also in Lewis HCS HB 607	Second read and referred: Education(S)	<p>ADULT HIGH SCHOOL AGE AND TRANSFER STUDENTS</p> <p>The bill changes the age for enrollment for adult high schools in the State from 21 to 18 years of age. A student who transfers from a local education agency to an adult high school will be considered a transfer student and not a dropout student by the State for the purposes of the compiling and tracking dropout rates.</p>
161.026	HCS for HB 1413 Kelley	HCS Reported Do Pass (H)	<p>TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE ON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</p> <p>This bill modifies the appointment of teacher representatives to the State Board of Education by providing that, for the second and succeeding appointments, the teacher representative</p>

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			<p>must not be appointed from the same congressional district as the two immediately preceding teacher representatives, rather than requiring all appointments to be made in rotation from each congressional district.</p> <p>The bill repeals a requirement that, if a vacancy occurs during an unexpired term, the Governor appoint a replacement from the same congressional district as the teacher representative being replaced, as well as repealing a provision requiring the Governor to make a temporary appointment if the General Assembly is not in session.</p> <p>Finally, the bill removes the expiration date of these provisions.</p>
162.207	<p>HCS for HB 408, 306, 854</p> <p>Gragg, Steinhoff, Lewis</p>	<p>4/10/2025 - Second read and referred: Education(S)</p>	<p>STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE</p> <p>Beginning in the 2026-27 school year school, districts and charter schools must have a policy governing the use of an electronic personal communications device in school. Policies must promote educational interests and safe working environments. Students may not use electronic personal communications devices during instructional activities and policies must provide disciplinary procedures and exceptions. Districts and charter schools must publish the policy on the school website and the bill specifies liability protections for acting in accordance with the policy.</p> <p>The HCS makes changes to the language that changes the definition for “electronic personal communication device and further limits the restriction to instructional time as defined by the district and meal times. The HCS changes the language relating to “exceptions to use” and more closely matches provisions in HCS HB 408.</p> <p>These provisions expire August 28,2032.</p>
162.705	<p>LEWIS</p> <p>Amended onto HCS for SB 68</p>		<p>SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTING</p> <p>Currently, if a school district cannot provide special education services they can contract for services or if the district fails to contract, the State Board of Education may contract with an instate organization. This language allows the district or SBE to contract with organizations in an adjacent state.</p>
163.044	<p>HCS HB 220</p> <p>Lewis</p>	<p>Referred: Rules - Administrative(H)</p>	<p>MISSOURI COURSE ACCESS AND VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM SMALL SCHOOL EXEMPTION</p>

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			Currently, school districts with an average daily attendance of 350 or less students qualify for additional funding. This bill removes from the average daily attendance count any nonresident students enrolled in the virtual school program in the school districts.
163.045	HCS HB 368 Banderman	Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar (H)	STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS WITH 169 CALENDAR DAYS This bill clarifies language relating to additional funding for teacher salaries that districts receive if the district has a school calendar with 169 school days. The clarification provided allows for inclement weather or authorized reductions to the number of days the district must be in session to qualify for the funding
163.172	HCS HB 607 Lewis	Public Hearing Held (S)	SALARIES FOR TEACHERS' MASTER'S DEGREES The bill modifies the minimum teacher salary to remove the requirement that a teacher's master's degree must be in an academic teaching field directly related to the teacher's assignment.
167.167	HB 454 Mackey HCS HB 712 Pollitt	Read Second Time (H) Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar (H)	ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES This bill requires school districts to prohibit any zero-tolerance disciplinary policy. Zero-tolerance discipline that results in an automatic disciplinary consequence without reviewing each pupil in a case-by-case manner is prohibited.
168.025	HB 267 Shields	Second read and referred: Education(S)	TEACHER EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM The bill repeals the sunset provision for the teacher externship program that expired August 28, 2024.
168.036	HB 1039 Boykin	Referred to Elem and Secondary	SUBSTITUTE TEACHING RETIREMENT AUTHORIZATION Currently, the authorization for teachers that are retired to substitute teach without a discontinuance of the teacher's retirement benefit is set to expire in 2025. This bill extends the authorization until 2030.
168.410 & 168.411	HCS for HB 1365 Jacobs	Elementary (H) HCS Reported Do Pass (H) 19-1	SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS This bill defines "building-level administrator" as a school official who supervises or evaluates other licensed staff. The bill provides schools with direction on contracts for building level administrators, including for renewal and nonrenewal notice by March 1st in

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			<p>the year the contract would expire. An administrator whose contract is renewed must accept or reject the contract within 15 business days after receiving the contract.</p> <p>Administrator contracts cannot be nonrenewed without the administrator having at least one evaluation and building-level administrators that have been in the district for at least five years must be provided with written cause for a nonrenewal. Cause for nonrenewal includes unsatisfactory performance on an annual evaluation, violation of school policy or State law, or conduct detrimental to the operation of the school. An administrator with five years of service in the district that receives a nonrenewal has specified rights, as outlined in the bill, including the right to a hearing and an appeal.</p>
170.315	<p>HB 416 Shields</p> <p>HB 332 Kelley</p>	<p>Read First Time (S)</p> <p>Referred Rules Admin (H)</p>	<p>ACTIVE SHOOTER AND INTRUDER RESPONSE TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM</p> <p>The language requires that, beginning in the 2026-27 school year, the Active Shooter and Intruder Response Training for Schools Program components be modified to include situations when an active shooter is present, how to identify potential threats, and protocols for emergencies, be required for teachers and school employees</p> <p>The bill provides districts an option to elect to provide such training and requires that if provided it follow the training process established in Section 168.331, with school personnel having the option to participate in a simulated active shooter drill.</p> <p>Currently, public schools are required to foster an environment where students feel comfortable reporting a potentially threatening or dangerous situation to an adult.</p> <p>This bill adds the requirement that schools must annually provide age-appropriate information on the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Courage2ReportMO reporting mechanism. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, schools must annually hold active shooter exercises in which students, teachers, and school employees participate in and practice the procedures for safety and protection to be implemented when an active shooter is present.</p>
171.216	HCS HB 1446 Phelps	<p>Emerging Issues 9-4</p> <p>04/10/2025 - Referred: Rules - Administrative(H)</p>	<p>TUTORING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</p> <p>This bill requires school districts and charter schools to notify parents of enrolled students if the school uses a tutoring program or service with at least 50% ownership interest held outside of the United States.</p>

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			<p>The notice must include the name of the program and the ownership of the program, as specified in the bill. The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.</p>
173.232	HCS 712 Pollitt HB 792 Lewis	Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar (H)	<p>TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION SCHOLARSHIPS</p> <p>This bill modifies the current Teacher Recruitment and Retention State Scholarship Program to allow for scholarships to cover education costs related to teacher preparation in addition to tuition. If the maximum amount of scholarships or appropriated funds are not distributed, the Department will use any remaining moneys to award additional scholarships for tuition costs and educational costs related to teacher preparation.</p> <p>The bill also removes a requirement that school districts pay 25% of the cost for any scholarship recipient that was hired by the district.</p>