

HB 874 -- MISSOURI TEACHERS CLASSROOM SUPPLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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This bill establishes the "Missouri Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program", which, beginning with the 2026-27 school year, requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide money to each school district and charter school specifically for teachers to purchase classroom materials and school supplies. The Department must calculate the amount for school districts and charter schools based on the average daily attendance of resident pupils enrolled in the previous year and distribute such amount to each district and school before August 1st of each year.

School districts and charter schools will provide each teacher in their district with a pre-loaded debit card issued specifically for this Program, and with a tax exempt number. The Department must determine all necessary procedures and requirements for use of the cards. Any teacher using the card must submit receipts for all purchases to be maintained by the school district or charter school for five years.

This bill is similar to HB 1505 (2024) and HB 235 (2023).