

HB 2697 -- MISSOURI EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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This bill modifies the definition of a "qualified student" for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship program.

Currently, an elementary or secondary school student who is a resident of the State can qualify for the program if he or she is a member of a household whose total annual income does not exceed an amount equal to 300% of the income standard used to qualify for free and reduced price lunches and he or she: attended a public school for one semester during the previous 12 months, is eligible to begin kindergarten or 1st grade, or is a sibling of a scholarship recipient.

This bill allows any elementary or secondary school student who is a resident of the State and not an illegal alien to qualify without the additional requirements described above.