

Understanding Senate Bill 727

SB 727 is a large education bill that benefits families all across the state. Not only does it expand three school choice policies but it provides great benefits to teachers and traditional public schools! Win win win!



MOScholars Expansion

The scholarship program for private school and homeschool expenses is still limited by your zip code and how much you receive. This would expand the program statewide and increase the scholarship amount.



Reading Programs

Funding will be allocated for a literacy fund that can receive up to \$5 million to provide grants for weekly reading programs.



Charter School Expansion

Charter public schools currently only are allowed in STL and KC and underperforming districts. This would expand charter schools to Boone County (Columbia area).



Teacher Hiring

"Subject-area certifications" could create an easier pathway for people wanting to teach. Districts could hire teachers with a subject-area certification in the subject they are trained to teach.



MOCAP Virtual Program

Even with a revision of this law in 2021, some families are still being denied access to virtual education by their school district. This would give families easier access to enroll in the virtual program of their choice.



4 Day School Week

Currently any school district can enact a 4-day school week. This act would require a local vote for a school district to go to a 4-day school week for cities greater than a 30K population and counties with a charter form of government.



Teacher Pay

This act would increase pay for all public school teachers across Missouri to a minimum of \$40,000 - \$46,000 depending on years of experience and increase the scholarship amount.



Homeschooling

Replaces language in the MOScholars law from "homeschool" to "family paced education." Families who want to receive the funds and educate their children at home will still be able to receive funds through MOScholars.



School Funding

Funding for school districts currently relies on student attendance and enrollment. This would switch funding to being based primarily on enrollment.



Early Childhood

This act would increase the amount of funding for early childhood programs in traditional and charter public schools.