



Missouri Children's Leadership Council

Truly Agreed and Finally Passed 98th General Assembly, Second Session

CCS SCS SB 638 -- MISSOURI CIVICS EDUCATION INITIATIVE (Riddle) [Awaiting Governor's Signature](#)

EARLY LEARNING QUALITY ASSURANCE (Pfautch) Establishes an early learning quality assurance report three-year pilot program. Repeals a current section of law prohibiting a quality rating system.

TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (Montecillo) Beginning July 1, 2017, establishes the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative."

SCS SBs 586 & 651 -- SCHOOL FUNDING & EARLY CHILDHOOD ([Vetoed by the Governor -- Overridden by the General Assembly](#))

SCHOOL FUNDING (Wasson, Wood, Keaveny) Reinstates the 5% cap on the growth of the foundation formula "state adequacy target" and recalculates the target resulting in fully funding the formula with the addition of approximately \$150M (as opposed to \$500M). When fully funded, up to 4% of free and reduced lunch PreK children can be counted in average daily attendance and funded by the formula.

SCS HCS HB 1583 -- BULLYING IN SCHOOLS (Allen) [Awaiting Governor's Signature](#)

SCHOOL DISTRICT ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES Defines "bullying", including cyber-bullying and prohibits it on school property, at school functions, or on school buses. Each district must review its anti-bullying policy and revise as necessary.

YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION (Lauer) Adds training and professional development in recognizing and preventing youth suicide to the professional development hours allowed by the State Board of Education. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to develop guidelines suitable for this training. DESE will develop model policies and monitor outcomes.

HCS HB 1562 -- SEXUAL TRAFFICKING (Haahr) [Awaiting the Governor's Signature](#)

ADVERTISING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (Haahr) Adds advertising a minor to participate in a commercial sex act, performance, or the production of explicit sexual material to the offenses of sexual trafficking of a child.

PRIVACY FOR FORENSIC RECORDS OF VICTIMS OF CHILDAUSE (Riddle, Haefner) Protects the privacy of minors who are victims of sexual abuse by prohibiting evidentiary visual or aural recordings or photographs from being disclosed unless required by Supreme Court Rule 25.03 court order.

SS HCS HB 1877 -- CHILDREN'S DIVISION CENTRAL REGISTRY (Wood) [Awaiting Governor's Signature](#)

CENTRAL REGISTRY (Wood) Adds to the list of crimes that make an individual eligible to be listed on the Central Registry.

EVALUATIONS BY SAFE CARE PROVIDERS (Silvey) Requires the Children's Division to seek a SAFE CARE evaluation for children under three years of age suspected to be victims of abuse or neglect. A SAFE CARE diagnosis that a child three or under has been subjected to physical abuse reported to the division will result in an immediate recommendation to the juvenile officer that such child be taken into protective custody.

TASK FORCE ON THE PREVENTION OF INFANT ABUSE AND NEGLECT Creates the Missouri Task Force on the Prevention of Infant Abuse and Neglect.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION EMPLOYEE TRAINING Requires Children's Division employees to attend at least four hours of annual training in medical forensics relating to child abuse and neglect as approved by the SAFE CARE network.

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD (Lauer, Hegeman) Requires that a court and all parties to a case involving a child in care shall defer to the reasonable decisions of the child's designated caregiver involving decisions about the child's participation in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

Requires that a child be consulted regarding his or her case plan when that child reaches the age of 14.

Upon leaving foster care at the age of 18 or older, the Children's Division shall provide the child with an official or certified copy of his or her United States birth certificate, a Social Security card, health insurance information, a copy of the child's medical records, and a driver's license or identification card issued by the state.

Prohibits a child under the age of 16 from having a permanency plan of another planned permanent living arrangement.

Standardizes proceedings for youth under the age of 21 to return to custody of the Children's Division.

SCS HCS HB 1649 -- IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY (Haahr) [Awaiting Governor's Signature](#)

Provides immunity from civil liability for an individual who forcibly enters a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing a minor from the vehicle. Does not affect the person's civil liability if the person attempts to render aid to the minor.