

Legislation & Advocacy Report, January 10, 2026

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Major Dates for the 2026 Session

December 1, 2025 - Pre-filing of Bills Began

January 7, 2026 - First Day of Session

February 27, 2026 - Last Day to file Senate Bills (Rule 48)

March, 13 2026 - Last Day to Place Senate Consent Bills on the Senate Calendar (Rule 45)

April 15, 2026 - Last Day to Place House Consent Bills on the Senate Calendar (Rule 45)

May 8, 2026 - Last Day for Floor Action on Appropriation Bills

May 15, 2026 - Last Day of Session (Article III, Section 20(a), Const.)

September 16, 2026 – Veto Session

Overview of the legislative session

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HB1973	Cook, Bennie	1/8/2026 Referred: Emerging Issues 4048H.01I - Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex
HB2061	Hruza, George	1/8/2026 Referred: Emerging Issues 4529H.03I - Provides protections against discrimination and antisemitism in public schools and public postsecondary educational institutions
HB2097	Martin, John	1/8/2026 Referred: Special Committee on Rural Issues 5237H.02I - Changes a pilot agricultural education program in elementary schools to a statewide program
HB2115	McGaugh, Peggy	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education 4925H.01I - Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing
HB2120	Black, John	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education 4303H.01I - Establishes antibullying requirements for school districts
HB2154	Hurlbert, Josh	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education

	5115H.01I - Enacts provisions governing adult student access to virtual schools	
HB2217	Riggs, Louis	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4091H.01I - Establishes transparency requirements for textbooks and curricula	
HB2274	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4545H.01I - Adopts the "Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact"	
HB2278	Cook, Bennie	1/8/2026 Referred: Government Efficiency
	5786H.01I - Requires a statewide activities association for interscholastic activities for secondary schools to be governed by a board appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate	
HB2304	Oehlerking, Philip	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	5785H.01I - Establishes written parental consent requirements for individualized education programs (IEPs)	
HB2404	Hruza, George	1/8/2026 Referred: Emerging Issues
	4426H.03I - Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting policies for property transferred by political subdivisions from being used for lawful education purposes by a charter school	
HB2502	Kelley, Ann	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	5238H.01I - Modifies provisions governing the transfer and archive of student records	
HB2580	Coleman, Jeff	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	6006H.01I - Prohibits public school staff members from encouraging students in their social transition to being perceived as a member of the opposite biological sex	
HB2710	Diehl, Dane	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	6102H.01I - Modifies provisions governing accountability measures for elementary and secondary schools	
HB2748	Davidson, Bishop	1/8/2026 Re-referred to Committee: General Laws
	3931H.01I - Modifies requirements for physical education in schools	
HJR114	Costlow, Mike	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4010H.01I - Proposes a constitutional amendment to assert the right of parents to participate in and direct the education of their children free from government interference	

HOUSE BILLS RELATING TO EDUCATION THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENT TO COMMITTEE

Bill	Sponsor	Date/Last Action
	Bill Information	
HB1609	Billington, Hardy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 5109H.01I - Enacts provisions governing flags displayed in public school classrooms
HB1612	Billington, Hardy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 5110H.01I - Requires school districts to display the Ten Commandments in each building and classroom in the school district
HB1662	Seitz, Brian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 3934H.01I - Requires public schools to provide free breakfasts and lunches to all students attending classes in such school
HB1698	Christensen, Mazzie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 4007H.01I - Establishes antibullying requirements for school districts
HB1701	Christensen, Mazzie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 4047H.01I - Requires instruction in human growth and development in schools
HB1704	Christensen, Mazzie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 4620H.01I - Creates the Education Freedom Act and modifies provisions relating to the assessment of public elementary and secondary schools
HB1722	West, Richard	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 4905H.01I - Modifies the election date, terms of office, and term limits for members of school boards
HB1726	Costlow, Mike	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 5414H.01I - Requires every school district to comply with enhanced safety and security standards
HB1744	Miller, Scott	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H) 3935H.01I - Establishes a quality control committee for oversight and enacts education reforms
HB1767	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	4307H.01I - Enacts the Missouri Educators and Parental Empowerment and Rights Act	
HB1776	Amato, Phil	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	3923H.02I - Provides matching grant moneys to assist school districts with school renovation projects	
HB1784	Voss, John	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5236H.01I - Changes the definition of "qualified student" for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program	
HB1787	Gragg, Jamie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4748H.01I - Requires public schools to establish the general municipal election day and the general election day as a school holiday	
HB1792	Murphy, Jim	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4544H.01I - Establishes the Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Act	
HB1801	Matthiesen, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4131H.01I - Changes the definition of "qualified student" for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program	
HB1846	Gallick, Sherri	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4921H.01I - Establishes the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Screening Act"	
HB1880	Reuter, Renee	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4046H.01I - Prohibits public schools from selling certain caffeinated drinks to children	
HB1905	Plank, Adrian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4044H.01I - Changes a pilot agricultural education program in elementary schools to a statewide program	
HB1994	Irwin, Bill	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	3937H.01I - Requires school districts to display the Ten Commandments in each instructional building in the school district	
HB1998	Meirath, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5053H.01I - Prohibits educational institutions from using state funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion purposes	
HB2048	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	4234H.01I - Requires the state board of education to provide for a transition to a special administrative board for certain unaccredited school districts	
HB2049	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4235H.01I - Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing	
HB2050	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4237H.01I - Requires school superintendents of certain school districts to reside within the school district	
HB2051	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4311H.02I - Modifies positions governing school administrators	
HB2078	Keathley, Ben	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4288H.01I - Changes provisions governing school superintendent salaries	
HB2091	Crossley, Aaron	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5268H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to school employee retirement systems	
HB2095	Haley, Willard	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5208H.02I - Modifies the total cost of living adjustments for members of the Public School Retirement System and the Public Education Employee Retirement System	
HB2110	Davis, Michael	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5277H.01I - Establishes procedures authorizing certain school districts to detach from a community college district upon voter approval	
HB2112	Steinhoff, Kathy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4934H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Teachers Matter Grant Program"	
HB2114	Steinhoff, Kathy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4892H.01I - Adds additional options for photo identification needed to vote	
HB2121	Black, John	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4304H.01I - Enacts the "Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act"	
HB2126	Banderman, Brad	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4312H.01I - Modifies provisions governing school administrator evaluations and contracts	
HB2129	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	4290H.01I - Modifies provisions governing charter school compliance with educational requirements	
HB2130	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4291H.01I - Changes the definition of a "qualified school" for purposes of the Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts program	
HB2157	Hurlbert, Josh	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5107H.01I - Enacts provisions requiring school districts to develop policies for released-time courses	
HB2158	Hurlbert, Josh	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5079H.01I - Modifies provisions of the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program" tax credit	
HB2172	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4236H.03I - Provides procedures for making real property available for school purposes to charter schools and school districts	
HB2183	Mackey, Ian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4043H.01I - Bans using seclusion to confine a student	
HB2185	Mackey, Ian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4013H.01I - Modifies provisions governing qualified students who receive Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program grants	
HB2195	Reedy, Rodger	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5054H.01I - Requires public schools to offer a driver education course that students must complete before graduating	
HB2197	Jacobs, Martin	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4137H.01I - Modifies provisions governing school administrator evaluations and contracts	
HB2199	Jacobs, Martin	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4012H.01I - Establishes the Missouri music professional development pilot program	
HB2209	Riggs, Louis	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4009H.01I - Modifies provisions governing civics instruction in schools	
HB2210	Riggs, Louis	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	4008H.01I - Establishes a fund for matching school district expenditures of reserve moneys to increase teacher salaries	
HB2230	Byrnes, Tricia	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5744H.01I - Limits the use of technology for student learning practices in elementary schools	
HB2238	Murray, Marty Joe	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5794H.01I - Creates the "Hayes Act" governing school meals	
HB2242	Young, Yolanda	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5789H.01I - Provides a state supplement for public schools to hire a school nurse and a mental health professional	
HB2251	Zimmermann, Jaclyn	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4622H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Free School Meals Program" to reimburse schools for providing free breakfasts and lunches to all students	
HB2252	Zimmermann, Jaclyn	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4011H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program"	
HB2271	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5768H.01I - Prohibits commercial services that provide a user with work submitted for educational credit in the user's name	
HB2272	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5775H.01I - Modifies provisions governing certificates of license to teach	
HB2317	Sharp, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5771H.01I - Requires the observation of Black History Month in school districts	
HB2331	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5793H.01I - Allows students to apply sunscreen at school	
HB2335	Kelley, Ann	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5817H.01I - Modifies provisions governing school employee training requirements	
HB2341	Proudie, Raychel	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5804H.01I - Requires certain public schools to offer breakfast after the bell	

HB2379	Williams, Cecelie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5899H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to sales taxes for early childhood education services	
HB2390	Murray, Marty Joe	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5795H.01I - Modifies provisions governing physical activity in schools	
HB2393	Mackey, Ian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5898H.01I - Provides protections against discrimination and antisemitism in public schools and public postsecondary educational institutions	
HB2403	Meirath, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5892H.01I - Provides for a transfer board to be responsible for handling appeals of decisions made by statewide activities associations	
HB2417	Loy, Cathy Jo	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5805H.01I - Establishes the "Parents' Bill of Rights of 2026"	
HB2420	Loy, Cathy Jo	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4406H.01I - Authorizes the establishment of a charter school in any school district	
HB2426	Keathley, Ben	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4672H.01I - Establishes provisions relating to parental rights	
HB2428	Keathley, Ben	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4286H.01I - Changes provisions governing charter schools	
HB2442	Loy, Cathy Jo	12/18/2025 Withdrawn (H)
	4313H.01I - Modifies provisions governing responsibilities of the department of elementary and secondary education	
HB2447	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5989H.01I - Modifies provisions governing compulsory school attendance	
HB2448	Davis, Michael	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5803H.01I - Authorizes the establishment of charter schools in school districts in Cass County	
HB2449	Davis, Michael	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6002H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Parental Choice Tax Credit Act" relating to a tax credit for certain educational expenses	

HB2476	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5065H.01I - Modifies provisions governing state aid provided to schools	
HB2500	Steinhoff, Kathy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6098H.01I - Repeals provisions authorizing the establishment of charter schools in Boone County	
HB2533	Mosley, Chanel	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5776H.01I - Modifies provisions governing absences from school	
HB2534	Mosley, Chanel	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5779H.01I - Requires teacher education programs to provide credit hours and licensed teachers to participate in professional development regarding social and emotional learning and in social work	
HB2539	Patterson, Jonathan	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5496H.03I - Modifies provisions governing accountability measures for elementary and secondary schools	
HB2565	Myers, Jeff	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5982H.01I - Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex	
HB2573	Smith, David Tyson	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5816H.01I - Repeals provisions authorizing the establishment of charter schools in Boone County	
HB2581	Titus, Bob	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5354H.01I - Requires instruction on human sexuality and development in schools	
HB2584	Mansur, Pattie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6106H.01I - Creates and modifies provisions relating to elementary and secondary education	
HB2604	Pollitt, Brad	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5299H.01I - Establishes transfer procedures to nonresident districts for students in public schools	
HB2608	McGaugh, Peggy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4817H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to the expenditure of public funds	
HB2613	Hein, Stephanie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5064H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Free School Meals Program" to reimburse schools for providing free breakfasts and lunches to all students	

<u>HB2625</u>	<u>Taylor, Tim</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Special Committee on Property Tax Reform
		4800H.01I - Modifies provisions governing state aid to school districts with an operating levy for school purposes of at least one dollar and fifty cents
<u>HB2653</u>	<u>Hruza, George</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		6331H.01I - Allows students to apply sunscreen at school
<u>HB2680</u>	<u>Johnson, Michael</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5821H.01I - Requires career and technical education programs to offer courses leading to insurance licensing and certification
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<u>HB2720</u>	<u>Douglas, Melissa</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4232H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to age for school entry
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	5998H.01I - Modifies provisions governing certificates of license to teach to add full certification for a temporary authorization certificate holder	
HB2810	Voss, John	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6264H.01I - Requires school districts to allow youth organizations to provide information, services, and activities to students	
HB2839	West, Richard	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5895H.01I - Modifies provisions governing a high school examination on American history, institutions, and civics	
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	5893H.01I - Modifies provisions governing the Missouri assessment program test	
HB2849	Ealy, Anthony	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6275H.01I - Requires newly purchased or contracted school buses of a school district to be zero-emission vehicles, beginning January 1, 2037	
HB2857	Costlow, Mike	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6385H.01I - Enacts provisions governing United States founding documents displayed in public schools	
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	6252H.02I - Modifies and establishes provisions relating to elementary and secondary education	
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	4421H.01I - Requires school districts and charter schools to notify parents if schools use tutoring services or programs owned by a foreign entity	
HB2878	Gragg, Jamie	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)
	6388H.01I - Modifies provisions governing the school calendar	
HB2887	Jones, Holly	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)

	6110H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Healthy Schools Act" and prohibits public schools from serving, selling, or allowing a third party to sell ultraprocessed food during the school day	
HB2893	Reuter, Renee	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)
	6584H.01I - Changes the filing location for school board candidates	
HJR111	Coleman, Jeff	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5410H.01I - Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to property tax	
HJR129	Pollitt, Brad	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5293H.01I - Proposes a constitutional amendment that Increases the debt limit for school districts	
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HB1748	Miller, Scott	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4621H.01I - Adds provisions including gifted education pupil count for purposes of funding schools through the foundation formula	
HB1757	Shields, Brenda	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	5274H.01I - Establishes procedures for school districts to test for gifted students	
HB1876	Reuter, Renee	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4710H.01I - Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing	
HB1893	Hausman, Wendy L.	1/8/2026 Referred: Emerging Issues
	4531H.01I - Establishes immunity from civil liability for certain actions taken by private schools related to access to restrooms or changing areas	
HB1973	Cook, Bennie	1/8/2026 Referred: Emerging Issues
	4048H.01I - Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex	
HB2061	Hruza, George	1/8/2026 Referred: Emerging Issues
	4529H.03I - Provides protections against discrimination and antisemitism in public schools and public postsecondary educational institutions	
HB2097	Martin, John	1/8/2026 Referred: Special Committee on Rural Issues
	5237H.02I - Changes a pilot agricultural education program in elementary schools to a statewide program	
HB2115	McGaugh, Peggy	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4925H.01I - Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing	
HB2120	Black, John	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4303H.01I - Establishes antibullying requirements for school districts	
HB2154	Hurlbert, Josh	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	5115H.01I - Enacts provisions governing adult student access to virtual schools	
HB2217	Riggs, Louis	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4091H.01I - Establishes transparency requirements for textbooks and curricula	
HB2274	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education

	4545H.01I - Adopts the "Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact"	
<u>HB2278</u>	<u>Cook, Bennie</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Government Efficiency
	5786H.01I - Requires a statewide activities association for interscholastic activities for secondary schools to be governed by a board appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate	
<u>HB2304</u>	<u>Oehlerking, Philip</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	5785H.01I - Establishes written parental consent requirements for individualized education programs (IEPs)	
<u>HB2404</u>	<u>Hruza, George</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Emerging Issues
	4426H.03I - Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting policies for property transferred by political subdivisions from being used for lawful education purposes by a charter school	
<u>HB2502</u>	<u>Kelley, Ann</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	5238H.01I - Modifies provisions governing the transfer and archive of student records	
<u>HB2580</u>	<u>Coleman, Jeff</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	6006H.01I - Prohibits public school staff members from encouraging students in their social transition to being perceived as a member of the opposite biological sex	
<u>HB2710</u>	<u>Diehl, Dane</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	6102H.01I - Modifies provisions governing accountability measures for elementary and secondary schools	
<u>HB2748</u>	<u>Davidson, Bishop</u>	1/8/2026 Re-referred to Committee: General Laws
	3931H.01I - Modifies requirements for physical education in schools	
<u>HJR114</u>	<u>Costlow, Mike</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Elementary and Secondary Education
	4010H.01I - Proposes a constitutional amendment to assert the right of parents to participate in and direct the education of their children free from government interference	

HOUSE BILLS RELATING TO EDUCATION THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENT TO COMMITTEE

Bill	Sponsor	Date/Last Action
	Bill Information	
<u>HB1609</u>	<u>Billington, Hardy</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5109H.01I - Enacts provisions governing flags displayed in public school classrooms	

HB1612	Billington, Hardy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5110H.01I - Requires school districts to display the Ten Commandments in each building and classroom in the school district
HB1662	Seitz, Brian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		3934H.01I - Requires public schools to provide free breakfasts and lunches to all students attending classes in such school
HB1698	Christensen, Mazzie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4007H.01I - Establishes antibullying requirements for school districts
HB1701	Christensen, Mazzie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4047H.01I - Requires instruction in human growth and development in schools
HB1704	Christensen, Mazzie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4620H.01I - Creates the Education Freedom Act and modifies provisions relating to the assessment of public elementary and secondary schools
HB1722	West, Richard	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4905H.01I - Modifies the election date, terms of office, and term limits for members of school boards
HB1726	Costlow, Mike	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5414H.01I - Requires every school district to comply with enhanced safety and security standards
HB1744	Miller, Scott	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		3935H.01I - Establishes a quality control committee for oversight and enacts education reforms
HB1767	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4307H.01I - Enacts the Missouri Educators and Parental Empowerment and Rights Act
HB1776	Amato, Phil	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		3923H.02I - Provides matching grant moneys to assist school districts with school renovation projects
HB1784	Voss, John	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5236H.01I - Changes the definition of "qualified student" for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

HB1787	Gragg, Jamie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4748H.01I - Requires public schools to establish the general municipal election day and the general election day as a school holiday	
HB1792	Murphy, Jim	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4544H.01I - Establishes the Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Act	
HB1801	Matthiesen, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4131H.01I - Changes the definition of "qualified student" for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program	
HB1846	Gallick, Sherri	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4921H.01I - Establishes the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Screening Act"	
HB1880	Reuter, Renee	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4046H.01I - Prohibits public schools from selling certain caffeinated drinks to children	
HB1905	Plank, Adrian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4044H.01I - Changes a pilot agricultural education program in elementary schools to a statewide program	
HB1994	Irwin, Bill	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	3937H.01I - Requires school districts to display the Ten Commandments in each instructional building in the school district	
HB1998	Meirath, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5053H.01I - Prohibits educational institutions from using state funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion purposes	
HB2048	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4234H.01I - Requires the state board of education to provide for a transition to a special administrative board for certain unaccredited school districts	
HB2049	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4235H.01I - Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing	
HB2050	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4237H.01I - Requires school superintendents of certain school districts to reside within the school district	
HB2051	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	4311H.02I - Modifies positions governing school administrators	
HB2078	Keathley, Ben	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4288H.01I - Changes provisions governing school superintendent salaries	
HB2091	Crossley, Aaron	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5268H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to school employee retirement systems	
HB2095	Haley, Willard	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5208H.02I - Modifies the total cost of living adjustments for members of the Public School Retirement System and the Public Education Employee Retirement System	
HB2110	Davis, Michael	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5277H.01I - Establishes procedures authorizing certain school districts to detach from a community college district upon voter approval	
HB2112	Steinhoff, Kathy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4934H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Teachers Matter Grant Program"	
HB2114	Steinhoff, Kathy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4892H.01I - Adds additional options for photo identification needed to vote	
HB2121	Black, John	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4304H.01I - Enacts the "Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act"	
HB2126	Banderman, Brad	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4312H.01I - Modifies provisions governing school administrator evaluations and contracts	
HB2129	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4290H.01I - Modifies provisions governing charter school compliance with educational requirements	
HB2130	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4291H.01I - Changes the definition of a "qualified school" for purposes of the Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts program	
HB2157	Hurlbert, Josh	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5107H.01I - Enacts provisions requiring school districts to develop policies for released-time courses	
HB2158	Hurlbert, Josh	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	5079H.01I - Modifies provisions of the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program" tax credit	
HB2172	Terry, Marlene	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4236H.03I - Provides procedures for making real property available for school purposes to charter schools and school districts	
HB2183	Mackey, Ian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4043H.01I - Bans using seclusion to confine a student	
HB2185	Mackey, Ian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4013H.01I - Modifies provisions governing qualified students who receive Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program grants	
HB2195	Reedy, Rodger	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5054H.01I - Requires public schools to offer a driver education course that students must complete before graduating	
HB2197	Jacobs, Martin	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4137H.01I - Modifies provisions governing school administrator evaluations and contracts	
HB2199	Jacobs, Martin	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4012H.01I - Establishes the Missouri music professional development pilot program	
HB2209	Riggs, Louis	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4009H.01I - Modifies provisions governing civics instruction in schools	
HB2210	Riggs, Louis	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4008H.01I - Establishes a fund for matching school district expenditures of reserve moneys to increase teacher salaries	
HB2230	Byrnes, Tricia	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5744H.01I - Limits the use of technology for student learning practices in elementary schools	
HB2238	Murray, Marty Joe	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5794H.01I - Creates the "Hayes Act" governing school meals	
HB2242	Young, Yolanda	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5789H.01I - Provides a state supplement for public schools to hire a school nurse and a mental health professional	

HB2251	Zimmermann, Jaclyn	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4622H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Free School Meals Program" to reimburse schools for providing free breakfasts and lunches to all students	
HB2252	Zimmermann, Jaclyn	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4011H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program"	
HB2271	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5768H.01I - Prohibits commercial services that provide a user with work submitted for educational credit in the user's name	
HB2272	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5775H.01I - Modifies provisions governing certificates of license to teach	
HB2317	Sharp, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5771H.01I - Requires the observation of Black History Month in school districts	
HB2331	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5793H.01I - Allows students to apply sunscreen at school	
HB2335	Kelley, Ann	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5817H.01I - Modifies provisions governing school employee training requirements	
HB2341	Proudie, Raychel	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5804H.01I - Requires certain public schools to offer breakfast after the bell	
HB2379	Williams, Cecelie	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5899H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to sales taxes for early childhood education services	
HB2390	Murray, Marty Joe	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5795H.01I - Modifies provisions governing physical activity in schools	
HB2393	Mackey, Ian	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5898H.01I - Provides protections against discrimination and antisemitism in public schools and public postsecondary educational institutions	
HB2403	Meirath, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	5892H.01I - Provides for a transfer board to be responsible for handling appeals of decisions made by statewide activities associations	
HB2417	Loy, Cathy Jo	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5805H.01I - Establishes the "Parents' Bill of Rights of 2026"	
HB2420	Loy, Cathy Jo	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4406H.01I - Authorizes the establishment of a charter school in any school district	
HB2426	Keathley, Ben	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4672H.01I - Establishes provisions relating to parental rights	
HB2428	Keathley, Ben	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4286H.01I - Changes provisions governing charter schools	
HB2442	Loy, Cathy Jo	12/18/2025 Withdrawn (H)
	4313H.01I - Modifies provisions governing responsibilities of the department of elementary and secondary education	
HB2447	Boyko, Mark	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5989H.01I - Modifies provisions governing compulsory school attendance	
HB2448	Davis, Michael	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5803H.01I - Authorizes the establishment of charter schools in school districts in Cass County	
HB2449	Davis, Michael	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6002H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Parental Choice Tax Credit Act" relating to a tax credit for certain educational expenses	
HB2476	Lewis, Ed	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5065H.01I - Modifies provisions governing state aid provided to schools	
HB2500	Steinhoff, Kathy	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6098H.01I - Repeals provisions authorizing the establishment of charter schools in Boone County	
HB2533	Mosley, Chanel	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5776H.01I - Modifies provisions governing absences from school	
HB2534	Mosley, Chanel	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	5779H.01I - Requires teacher education programs to provide credit hours and licensed teachers to participate in professional development regarding social and emotional learning and in social work	
HB2539	<u>Patterson, Jonathan</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5496H.03I - Modifies provisions governing accountability measures for elementary and secondary schools	
HB2565	<u>Myers, Jeff</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5982H.01I - Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex	
HB2573	<u>Smith, David Tyson</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5816H.01I - Repeals provisions authorizing the establishment of charter schools in Boone County	
HB2581	<u>Titus, Bob</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5354H.01I - Requires instruction on human sexuality and development in schools	
HB2584	<u>Mansur, Pattie</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6106H.01I - Creates and modifies provisions relating to elementary and secondary education	
HB2604	<u>Pollitt, Brad</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5299H.01I - Establishes transfer procedures to nonresident districts for students in public schools	
HB2608	<u>McGaugh, Peggy</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	4817H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to the expenditure of public funds	
HB2613	<u>Hein, Stephanie</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5064H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Free School Meals Program" to reimburse schools for providing free breakfasts and lunches to all students	
HB2625	<u>Taylor, Tim</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: Special Committee on Property Tax Reform
	4800H.01I - Modifies provisions governing state aid to school districts with an operating levy for school purposes of at least one dollar and fifty cents	
HB2653	<u>Hruza, George</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6331H.01I - Allows students to apply sunscreen at school	
HB2680	<u>Johnson, Michael</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5821H.01I - Requires career and technical education programs to offer courses leading to insurance licensing and certification	

<u>HB2682</u>	<u>Chappell, Darin</u>	1/8/2026 Referred: General Laws
		6425H.01I - Renames the "Missouri Student Religious Liberties Act" the "Missouri Safeguarding Personal Expression at K-12 Schools (SPEAKS) Act" and creates provisions safeguarding students' political and ideological expression at public schools
<u>HB2697</u>	<u>Davis, Michael</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		6335H.01I - Changes the definition of "qualified student" for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program
<u>HB2704</u>	<u>Hruza, George</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		6445H.01I - Establishes procedures for school districts to test for gifted students
<u>HB2720</u>	<u>Douglas, Melissa</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4232H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to age for school entry
<u>HB2723</u>	<u>Douglas, Melissa</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		6013H.01I - Creates and modifies provisions relating to elementary and secondary education
<u>HB2739</u>	<u>Knight, Jeff</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		4423H.01I - Prohibits public school districts and charter schools from membership in or payment of dues to certain statewide activities associations
<u>HB2744</u>	<u>Titus, Bob</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5791H.02I - Requires instruction on human growth and development in schools
<u>HB2773</u>	<u>Boykin, Stephanie</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5778H.01I - Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing
<u>HB2776</u>	<u>Haley, Willard</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5998H.01I - Modifies provisions governing certificates of license to teach to add full certification for a temporary authorization certificate holder
<u>HB2810</u>	<u>Voss, John</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		6264H.01I - Requires school districts to allow youth organizations to provide information, services, and activities to students
<u>HB2839</u>	<u>West, Richard</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5895H.01I - Modifies provisions governing a high school examination on American history, institutions, and civics
<u>HB2841</u>	<u>West, Richard</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)

	5893H.01I - Modifies provisions governing the Missouri assessment program test	
HB2849	Ealy, Anthony	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6275H.01I - Requires newly purchased or contracted school buses of a school district to be zero-emission vehicles, beginning January 1, 2037	
HB2857	Costlow, Mike	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6385H.01I - Enacts provisions governing United States founding documents displayed in public schools	
HB2860	Byrnes, Tricia	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6252H.02I - Modifies and establishes provisions relating to elementary and secondary education	
HB2866	Diehl, Dane	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	6108H.01I - Creates, repeals, and modifies provisions governing elementary and secondary education	
HB2872	Loy, Cathy Jo	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)
	6553H.01I - Creates, repeals, and modifies provisions relating to literacy of elementary school students	
HB2875	Phelps, Brandon	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)
	4421H.01I - Requires school districts and charter schools to notify parents if schools use tutoring services or programs owned by a foreign entity	
HB2878	Gragg, Jamie	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)
	6388H.01I - Modifies provisions governing the school calendar	
HB2887	Jones, Holly	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)
	6110H.01I - Establishes the "Missouri Healthy Schools Act" and prohibits public schools from serving, selling, or allowing a third party to sell ultraprocessed food during the school day	
HB2893	Reuter, Renee	1/8/2026 Introduced and Read First Time (H)
	6584H.01I - Changes the filing location for school board candidates	
HJR111	Coleman, Jeff	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5410H.01I - Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to property tax	
HJR129	Pollitt, Brad	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
	5293H.01I - Proposes a constitutional amendment that Increases the debt limit for school districts	

<u>HJR137</u>	<u>Sharp, Mark</u>	1/8/2026 Read Second Time (H)
		5772H.01I - Proposes a constitutional amendment that adds employees of school districts to the list of allowed employment for members of the general assembly