



Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

HB 1211	Dusenberg	<p>Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.</p> <p>Remarks: This bill would make it a crime to knowingly coerce a woman into having an abortion by revoking or threatening to revoke a scholarship. This bill is similar to HBs 1327 and 2000.</p> <p>Last Action: 1- 7-10 H Read second time</p>
HB 1224	Smith-14	<p>Establishes the Missouri National Guard and Missouri Reservists Family Education Grant Program.</p> <p>Remarks: This bill would create a grant program to benefit the children and spouses of certain veterans. The program would be administered by the MDHE. Grants could be used at public institutions. Award amounts would be up to 100% of a student's tuition, \$4,000 per year for room and board, and \$1,000 a year for books.</p> <p>Last Action: 2- 3-10 H Referred to House Committee on House-Veterans</p>
HB 1240	Davis	<p>Authorizes a state income tax deduction for tuition costs for any dependent of a resident taxpayer enrolled in any elementary or secondary school or postsecondary education institution in this state.</p> <p>Remarks: This bill would allow Missouri taxpayers to deduct the full amount of tuition paid for postsecondary education from their adjusted gross income.</p> <p>Last Action: 2-17-10 H Public hearing completed</p>
HB 1327	Davis	<p>Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and specifies that anyone performing or inducing an</p>

abortion knowing that she has been coerced will be guilty of a class C felony.

Remarks: This bill would make it a crime to knowingly coerce a woman into having an abortion by revoking or threatening to revoke a scholarship. This bill is similar to HBs 1211 and 2000.

Last Action: 4-19-10 S Voted do pass as substitute from committee on Senate-Judiciary Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 1354](#)

[Cunningham](#)

Allows members of the reserves of any branch of the United States armed forces to be eligible for a Missouri National Guard educational assistance grant.

Remarks: This bill would expand eligibility for a program established in 1994. The program is administered by the Missouri National Guard.

Last Action: 1- 7-10 H Read second time

[HB 1428](#)

[Biermann](#)

Allows students participating in the A+ Schools Program to serve as election judges in order to fulfill their community service requirement.

Last Action: 1- 7-10 H Read second time

[HB 1473](#)

[Thomson](#)

Revises the grade required for renewing an Access Missouri Scholarship.

Remarks: The initial version of this bill would allow students who achieve a 2.0 during their freshman year to receive an Access award during their sophomore year. They would be required to bring their GPA up to a 2.5 during their sophomore and junior years to maintain continued eligibility. When the bill was debated on the House floor, additional language was added equalizing Access Missouri award amounts starting in 2014 and removing the sunset clause from the Access Missouri statute.

Last Action: 5-11-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 1494](#)

[Schaaf](#)

Removes the expiration date of August 28, 2011, from the provision which allows certain state university boards to convey or transfer real property without authorization from the General Assembly.

Last Action: 4- 1-10 H Third read and defeated (Vote: N:149/Y: 14)

[HB 1504](#)

[Schaaf](#)

Expands eligibility for the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act

scholarship and specifies that homeschooled students must receive the same financial aid consideration as non-homeschooled students.

Remarks: This bill would change two aspects of the Missouri Returning Heroes Education Act (MRHEA). First, it would allow veterans who are Missouri residents at the time they access the benefit to receive the benefit. Current law requires the veteran to have been a Missouri resident at the time he or she entered the service. Second, it would allow veterans who served before or after September 11, 2001, to receive the benefit. Current law only applies to veterans who served after September 11, 2001. Please note that this might have a less significant impact that one might first assume because the benefit must be used within 10 years of the date a veteran is discharged. The original version of the bill also included a provision that would have required home-schooled students to be treated the same as school-schooled students for purposes of financial aid, but that provision was not included in the committee substitute approved by the House Higher Education Committee. ** The House Higher Education Committee heard public testimony about this bill on 2/16. Other than the sponsor, no one spoke for or against the bill. MDHE staff testified for informational purposes to answer some questions raised during the hearing. Committee members had questions about how the MRHEA works and how many students the changes proposed in this bill would impact. Committee members also had several questions about the need for the language pertaining to home-schooled students.

Last Action: 3- 4-10 H Voted do pass as substitute from committee on House-Higher Education

[HB 1511](#)

[Flook](#)

Establishes the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act and the Missouri Science and Innovation Authority.

Last Action: 1-12-10 H Public hearing completed

[HB 1619](#)

[Storch](#)

Establishes the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program.

Remarks: This bill would create a new scholarship program. It would require students enrolled 8th grade in public or private schools in Missouri and who are eligible for the free or reduced lunch program to agree in writing to achieve and maintain certain academic and citizenship standards. Those students would receive scholarships that could be used to attend a public or private institution of higher education. Award amounts would not exceed the resident tuition rate and mandatory fees for the program in which the student is enrolled at a public institution. The program would be administered by the

MDHE.

Last Action: 1-14-10 H Read second time

[HB 1712](#)

[Roorda](#)

Allows employees of any public body to form and join labor organizations to collectively bargain regarding salaries and other conditions of employment.

Remarks: Current state law generally allows that employees of public bodies have the right to join unions and engage in collective bargaining -- with a few exceptions, including "all teachers of all Missouri schools, colleges and universities." This bill would remove the exceptions, allowing many more employees of public bodies to unionize and collectively bargain. This bill is similar to SB 761.

Last Action: 1-20-10 H Read second time

[HB 1773](#)

[Schupp](#)

Allows the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a student to the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

Remarks: This bill would permit -- but not require -- the appointment of a voting student member of the Board of Curators.

Last Action: 1-25-10 H Read second time

[HB 1812](#)

[Kingery](#)

Changes the amounts of financial assistance awards from the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program.

Remarks: The changes in this bill would not take effect until the 2015-16 academic year. Starting in that year, award amounts would be \$300-1,250 for students at community colleges and \$1,500-2,850 for students at public or private four-year institutions and Linn State. This bill is similar to SB 784.

Last Action: 4-14-10 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1829](#)

[Walsh](#)

Establishes the Public Employee Bargaining Act which allows public employees to form, join, or assist a labor organization for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Remarks: This bill would allow public employees to unionize and engage in collective bargaining. "Public employees" is broadly defined and may include public college and university employees.

		Last Action: 1-27-10 H Read second time
HB 1843	Holsman	Prohibits a higher education institution from charging a Missouri resident who is a full-time student a tuition rate that exceeds the amount charged when the student enrolls for the next five years.
		Last Action: 1-28-10 H Read second time
HB 1858	Zimmerman	Transfers the administrative responsibility of the Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program and the committee which administers the program to the Department of Higher Education.
		Last Action: 5-14-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
HB 1872	Schoeller	Establishes the Fair Influence in Government Act which prohibits the use of public funds for lobbying purposes.
		Remarks: This bill would prohibit state agencies, political subdivisions, and private entities that receive state funds from using public resources to pay lobbyists. It would also prohibit state agencies and political subdivisions from using public resources to pay dues to organizations the purpose of which includes lobbying.
		Last Action: 2- 4-10 H Public hearing completed
HB 1919	Webber	Authorizes an income tax credit for donations to the capital improvements fund of any public university in Missouri for its nursing or allied health professions programs.
		Last Action: 2- 3-10 H Read second time
HB 1956	Schoemehl	Authorizes an income tax deduction for certain individuals for 100% of tuition and fees for up to the last 18 hours required to complete his or her bachelor degree from a public four-year university.
		Remarks: This bill would create a tax deduction for people already have some college credit and who go back to school to complete their degrees.
		Last Action: 5- 6-10 H Voted do pass from committee on House-Higher Education
HB 1999	Pratt	Specifies that if Missouri loses a Congressional district following the 2010 redistricting, the ninth member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators will be a student curator with voting right.

		Remarks: The language in this bill requires -- not permits -- that a voting member of the Board of Curators be a student.
		Last Action: 2- 8-10 H Read second time
HB 2000	Pratt	Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.
		Remarks: This bill would make it a crime to knowingly coerce a woman into having an abortion by revoking or threatening to revoke a scholarship. This bill is similar to HBs 1211 and 1327.
		Last Action: 2-25-10 H Superseded by - see HB 1327
HB 2003	Icet	Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education.
		Last Action: 4-28-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
HB 2066	Morris	Establishes the Missouri Clean Energy Technology Center.
		Remarks: This bill would create the Missouri Clean Energy Technology Center, the purposes of which would include promoting research and workforce training in clean energy in the state's colleges and vo-tech schools. The center would be run by a board of directors, the membership of which would include several representatives of higher education. The center would offer funds through competitive grant programs. This bill is similar to SB689.
		Last Action: 2- 9-10 H Read second time
HB 2147	Brown-149	Exempts certain students who are dependents of recently retired military personnel from the three-year attendance requirement under the A+ Program.
		Last Action: 5- 3-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
HB 2227	Lampe	Removes the exemption for police, deputy sheriffs, State Highway patrolmen, members of the Missouri National Guard, and teachers from the right to form and join labor unions and to collectively bargain.
		Last Action: 2-24-10 H Read second time
HB 2278	Hobbs	Increases the maximum amount that the University of Missouri

Board of Curators may annually award for a grant for the investigation of spinal cord injuries and other specific disease processes.

Last Action: 3- 3-10 H Read second time

[HB 2326](#) [Gatschenberger](#) Requires public institutions of higher education within the state to adopt policies for the random and for-cause drug testing of faculty, staff, other employees, and applicants for employment.

Last Action: 3-17-10 H Read second time

[HB 2349](#) [Nolte](#) Specifies that any employee of the University of Missouri will be able to take a leave of absence because of military deployment or election to public office.

Last Action: 3-19-10 H Read second time

[HB 2460](#) [Dieckhaus](#) Authorizes an income tax deduction of up to \$250 for the amount of payments made on a student loan to a lending institution for the taxpayer's education expenses at a Missouri college or university.

Last Action: 4- 8-10 H Referred to House Committee on House-Elementary and Secondary Education

[HCR 24](#) [Hoskins-121](#) Encourages students and faculty to promote international education at Missouri colleges and universities.

Last Action: 3-16-10 H Voted do pass from committee on House-Higher Education

[HJR 77](#) [Kelly](#) Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the General Assembly to issue bonds to fund higher education improvements, construction, landscaping, and land purchases.

Remarks: The bond package would total \$800 million to be used for state building projects. The bill specifies that no less than 15% of the bond proceeds must be allocated to community college buildings. No more than \$250 million may be appropriated for projects other than higher education projects.

Last Action: 1-19-10 H Read second time

[SB 689](#) [Wright-Jones](#) Jones-Creates the Missouri Clean Energy Technology Center.

Remarks: This bill would create the Missouri Clean Energy Technology Center, the purposes of which would include promoting research and workforce training in clean energy in the state's colleges and vo-tech schools. The center would be run by a board of directors, the membership of which would include several representatives of higher education. The center would offer funds through competitive grant programs. This bill is similar to HB 2066 filed by Rep. Morris.

Last Action: 1-19-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Commerce, Energy and the Environment

[SB 732](#)

[Cunningham](#)

Requires public higher education institutions to annually report on steps taken to ensure intellectual diversity.

Remarks: This is the "Emily Brooker Higher Education Sunshine Act." It would require public colleges and universities to submit annual reports to the CBHE regarding steps each institution has taken to promote intellectual diversity. The bill contains several areas that institutions' reports may address. It also requires institutions to notify students that measures to promote intellectual diversity are in place and how to report alleged violations.

Last Action: 1-19-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Education

[SB 733](#)

[Pearce](#)

Modifies provisions of the Bright Flight Scholarship Program and Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program.

Remarks: Under current law, all students who defer their Bright Flight awards must return to school within 27 months. This bill would allow students who enter the military to defer Bright Flight awards as long as they are in the military, so long as they return to school within 6 months of their separation from the military. ** The Senate Education Committee conducted a hearing on this bill on 2/24. MDHE staff testified in favor of the bill, as did a representative of a veterans' organization. Committee members did not have significant questions about the bill, but did suggest that it may become a vehicle for broader changes to the Bright Flight statute, including how awards should be distributed in a year when insufficient funds are appropriated to fully fund the program.

Last Action: 5-12-10 H Emergency Clause Adopted (Vote: Y:141/N: 9)

[SB 761](#)

[Green](#)

Institutes procedures for public employee collective bargaining.

Remarks: Current state law generally allows that employees of public bodies have the right to join unions and engage in collective bargaining --

with a few exceptions, including "all teachers of all Missouri schools, colleges and universities." This bill would remove the exceptions, allowing many more employees of public bodies to unionize and collectively bargain. This bill is similar to HB 1712.

Last Action: 1-19-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Small Bus./Insurance/Industry

[SB 772](#) [Scott](#) Removes the minimum time for holding investments in the Missouri higher education savings program.

Last Action: 5- 3-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

[SB 778](#) [Pearce](#) Changes an expiration date on state universities being able to convey land without authorization from the General Assembly and allows the Governor to convey certain state property.

Last Action: 5-14-10 H Set on the House Calendar

[SB 783](#) [Justus](#) Provides that certain aliens will receive in-state tuition at college and universities that meet certain requirements.

Remarks: This bill parallels Kansas' DREAM Act. ** The Senate Education Committee conducted a public hearing on this bill on 2/24. Other than the sponsor, no one spoke in favor of the bill, although several students showed their support for the bill by raising their hands. No one spoke against the bill. Committee members' questions were very limited.

Last Action: 2-24-10 S Hearing conducted

[SB 784](#) [Schaefer](#) Changes amounts of financial assistance awards for the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program.

Remarks: The changes in this bill would not take effect until the 2014-15 academic year. Starting in that year, award amounts would be \$300-1,250 for students at community colleges and \$1,500-2,850 for students at public or private four-year institutions and Linn State. This bill is similar to HB 1812. ** The Senate Education Committee conducted a public hearing on this bill on 2/17. Students and college/university officials filled the hearing room and an overflow area set up for them in the hall. Supporters of the bill included students who receive Access, who testified about the importance of the awards to students like themselves, and about the fairness of giving students at private institutional higher awards. Administrators discussed the political agreements

surrounding the initial passage of the program, as well as the fairness issues raised by students. Students and administrators from independent institutions talked about the importance of Access to themselves and their institutions. MDHE staff also testified against the bill, indicating that the CBHE currently stands by the process it used to develop the original Access Missouri proposal in 2007. MDHE staff also indicated that a group of public and private institution leaders will be meeting to discuss a compromise approach to moving forward. ** When the Senate Education Committee voted this bill out of committee on 2/24, the committee's chair specifically mentioned the meeting MDHE staff referred to during public testimony and indicated that the results of that meeting might inform the bill as it moves forward.

Last Action: 3-24-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 895](#)

[Dempsey](#)

Establishes the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act.

Last Action: 4- 1-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 899](#)

[Pearce](#)

Establishes the Missouri Promise Program to provide financial awards to students pursuing higher education at certain institutions.

Remarks: This bill would expand the A+ scholarship program to include qualified students who graduate from all public high schools. The program would be renamed Missouri Promise. It would also create -- subject to appropriations -- a "completer scholarship" for students who use Missouri Promise to get an associate's degree and then go on to a public university. Those students would receive awards of either their actual tuition or the average tuition at a public university, whichever is lower. The two-year program would be fully funded before the four-year portion became operative. The bill would also change the priority of scholarship programs. Under current law, Access Missouri is the payer of last resort. Under this bill, Missouri Promise would be the payer of last resort. The MDHE would administer Missouri Promise.

Last Action: 3-31-10 S Committee hearing cancelled Senate-Education

[SB 907](#)

[Rupp](#)

Creates the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program for public high school students who graduate from high school early.

Remarks: The scholarship would be for a student's first year of higher education and could be used at any type of higher education institution. The award amount would be the lesser of the student's actual tuition and required fees or 80% of the state aid attributable to that student at the school district from which the student

graduated. That district would receive an amount equal to 20% of the state aid they would have received for that student. The scholarship program would be administered by the MDHE. ** When the Senate Education Committee heard public testimony about this bill on 2/24, MDHE staff spoke in favor of it. No one else testified for or against the bill. Committee members had questions about the fiscal impact of the program.

Last Action: 3-17-10 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Education

[SB 936](#)

[Pearce](#)

Establishes the Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative within the Department of Higher Education.

Remarks: This initiative would provide matching funds for public colleges and universities that engage in certain activities that promote engagement in STEM fields.

Last Action: 3-24-10 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Education

[SB 939](#)

[Barnitz](#)

Modifies the use of the Consumer Price Index to measure tuition rates for public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 3- 3-10 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Education

[SB 963](#)

[Shoemyer](#)

Transfers the administration of the Minority Teaching Scholarship and the Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program to the Department of Higher Education.

Last Action: 3-29-10 H Read second time

[SB 987](#)

[Stouffer](#)

Increases the statutory award amount for research projects funded by the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

Last Action: 5-11-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

[SB 1057](#)

[Shields](#)

Reorganizes certain entities, divisions and departments within state government.

Last Action: 4-29-10 S Hearing conducted

[SCR 31](#)

[Pearce](#)

Encourages students and faculty to promote international education at Missouri colleges and universities.

Last Action: 5-13-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

[SJR 44](#)

[Shields](#)

Proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of higher education and instead create a new department of education. Changes title of bill.

Last Action: 5-11-10 H Executive Session - No Action Taken

[SJR 45](#)

[Shields](#)

Modifies the State Board of Education and requires the advice and consent of the Senate for the appointment of the Commissioner of Education.

Last Action: 5-11-10 H Executive Session - No Action Taken