

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

Expands the MOScholars K-12 scholarship program statewide, increase the scholarship amount and broadens eligibility to include more students.



Reading Programs

Allocates funding for traditional and charter public schools up to \$5 million to provide grants for K-5 home reading programs.



Charter School Expansion

Expands charter public schools to Boone County (Columbia area). Previously charter public schools were only allowed to operate in KC, STL and underperforming districts.



Teacher Hiring

"Establishes "subject-area certifications" creating an easier pathway to becoming an educator.



MOCAP Virtual Program

Removes barriers to the program giving families easier access to enroll in the virtual program of their choice.



4-Day School Week

Requires 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

Increases the minimum salary for all traditional and charter public school teachers to \$40,000 - \$46,000 depending on years of experience.



Compulsary Student Attendance

Allows students with mental or behavioral health concerns to be excused from school.



School Funding

Changes public school funding from student attendance and enrollment to be weighted primarily on enrollment. Districts that struggle with attendance will now receive more funding.



Early Childhood

Doubles the amount of funding for early childhood programs in traditional and charter public schools.