

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-001</b> <b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Brian Chervitz
<b>Delegation:</b>	Parkway South High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to designate the Missouri River as the official state waterway

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 10, RSMo, is amended by adding one new section relating to the
- 3 designation of 3 the official state waterway
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- 5 **Key Terms**
- 6 A “Waterway” is a navigable body of water
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- 8 **Proposal for Action**
- 9 To make the Missouri River the official waterway of Missouri, by adding
- 10 the category “Official Waterway” to the list of state symbols of Missouri.
- 11 The Sectary of State’s Office (SOS) will revise its School/Information Packet,
- 12 and its Official Manual, published by the SOS.
- 13
- 14 **Effective Date**
- 15 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
- 16
- 17 **Justification**
- 18 The Missouri River was chosen because it shares our state's name and
- 19 provides water to more than 50% of the state. The river reflects our history
- 20 and culture because Lewis and Clark began their expedition of the territory
- 21 gained from the Louisiana Purchase on this river. The river travels across
- 22 the state, passing directly in front of the State Capitol and has been critical
- 23 for transportation and economic development throughout Missouri's
- 24 history.
- 25
- 26 **Expected Results**
- 27 Missouri will have another state symbol, the official waterway of Missouri,
- 28 the Missouri River. Students and Citizens alike will learn who important the
- 29 Missouri River has been for Missouri’s history.
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<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-002</b> <b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jacob Davis
<b>Delegation:</b>	Harrisonville High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act for Missouri to adopt a statewide building code.

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 64, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding the
- 3 adoption of a statewide building code.
- 4
- 5 **Key Terms**
- 6 “Minimal safety standards” refers to codes meant to keep the public safe
- 7 without being a restriction.
- 8
- 9 “Consistency” refers to the ability of building inspectors, contractors,
- 10 architects, and engineers to be able to follow a state wide building code as
- 11 opposed to city, and county codes or even no building standards at all.
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- 13 “Architects” design dwellings to be built.
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- 15 “Engineers” design the structure based off of the architects design.
- 16
- 17 “Contractors” build the dwellings in accordance with the architects designs
- 18 and safety standards.
- 19
- 20 “Building inspectors” inspect public and private dwellings before and during
- 21 occupation of them to ensure their safety is minimal and up to date.
- 22
- 23 **Proposal for Action**
- 24 All cities and counties will be required to switch from local building codes to
- 25 the statewide building code. In doing so dwellings and public structures
- 26 being built or to be built from the effective date shall abide by the
- 27 statewide building code. It will be the local jurisdiction’s responsibility to
- 28 ensure that this act will take effect in the cities residing within. This act will
- 29 be at no cost and require no funding whatsoever.
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- 31 **Effective Date**
- 32 When passed, this bill will take effect on August 28, 2010.

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33 **Justification**

34 If this bill is passed it will establish minimal safety and sanitation standards  
35 related to buildings and provide consistent building regulations from  
36 jurisdiction to jurisdiction. This shall help ensure the safety of the people of  
37 Missouri. Safety is a value of the upmost importance in Missouri and must  
38 be used in all homes and public buildings, especially places such as  
39 hospitals, nursing homes, and child care centers where people are not  
40 capable of addressing their own basic needs and safety.

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42 **Expected Results**

43 Missouri homes and public buildings will become safer and require less  
44 maintenance. The bill being put into effect will also help the cost of  
45 maintenance because dwellings will be less likely to have significant  
46 damage done to them saving home and business owners as well as  
47 insurance company's money thereby helping the economy. Also it will help  
48 make consistency saving builders and building officials time and confusion.  
49 For areas without a current building code jobs will be created for a building  
50 department, again, helping the economy. It will also save local jurisdictions  
51 money by reducing the cost of design and construction by eliminating the  
52 inconsistencies in the codes.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-003</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Adrienne Dunham
<b>Delegation:</b>	Pembroke Hill School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act related to drug testing drivers after serious vehicle accidents.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 577, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding  
3 post-accident drug testing.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Driver", any person operating a commercial motorized vehicle.

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8 "Drug", a substance misused illegally, causing addiction, habituation, or a  
9 marked change in consciousness.

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11 "Alcohol", ethanol, especially when considered as the intoxicating agent in  
12 fermented and distilled liquors, a drink containing ethanol, or a mixture of  
13 ethanol and water (usually 95% ethanol).

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15 "Reasonable suspicion", observations concerning the appearance, behavior,  
16 speech, or smell of the involved individual.

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18 **Proposal for Action**

19 For all drivers involved in serious motor vehicle accidents, required drug  
20 tests will be enforced as soon as possible after the incident. The driver must  
21 meet the criteria or officers must have reasonable suspicion in order to  
22 present the tests, which will then be sent into a laboratory for results. If  
23 drivers refuse to take the drug tests, this may be counted as a positive test.  
24 The law will be enforced by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri  
25 State Police Department.

26  
27 If the drug test were to have a positive result, the individual being tested  
28 must pay a 500\$ or more fine for the test and meet with the court about  
29 their illegal use of drugs. If a test turned out negative, the Missouri State  
30 Highway Patrol and Police Department would pay for the tests.

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32 **Effective Date**

33 This act shall take effect on August 28, 2010.

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35 **Justification**

36 Many vehicle accidents are true accidents, but many times they can be  
37 avoided. Often times fatal accidents are due to the influence of alcohol. If  
38 drivers were drug tested after serious accidents, questions about how the  
39 accident happened or could have been avoided would be answered.

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41 **Expected Results**

42 Missouri drivers involved in serious or fatal accidents will be drug tested  
43 after the incident, thus decreasing the amount of drivers under the  
44 influence of drugs. Other drivers will feel more confident when driving  
45 throughout Missouri, and many questionable accidents could be resolved.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-004</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Brian McKanna Dilan Dupre
<b>Delegation:</b>	Wildwood YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Imprisonment - Reduction of Term

1 **RSMo**

2 Revision to Chapter 558 Imprisonment - Reduction of term of sentence in  
3 exchange for military service.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 The sentencing court may, upon petition, give a prisoner the option of  
7 foregoing his prison sentence or probation in lieu of joining the military for  
8 four years if the court determines that:

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10 (1) The convicted person was:

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12 (a) Convicted of a crime that did not involve violence or the threat of  
13 violence; and

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15 (b) Convicted of a crime that involved alcohol or illegal drugs; and

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17 (2) Since the commission of such crime, the convicted person has  
18 successfully completed a detoxification and rehabilitation program; and

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20 (3) The convicted person is not:

21

22 (a) A prior offender, a persistent offender, a dangerous offender or a  
23 persistent misdemeanor offender as defined by section 558.016; or

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25 (b) A persistent sexual offender as defined in section 558.018; or

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27 (c) A prior offender, a persistent offender or a class X offender as defined in  
28 section 558.019.

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32 **Proposal for Action**

33 To cancel the term of sentence or probation if the prisoner is willing to join  
34 the military, successfully complete boot camp, and carry out four years of  
35 military service for his country. Upon completion of such, the prison term  
36 would be completed.

37

38 **Effective Date**

39 Jan. 1, 2011

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41 **Justification**

42 To help in the rehabilitation of prisoners and repeat offenders languishing  
43 in prison, to give them a sense of purpose in life and instill self-discipline, to  
44 enable them to pursue higher education, to strengthen our military.

45

46 **Expected Results**

47 Reduce overcrowded prison populations, help rehabilitate prisoners and  
48 repeat offenders, increase the military.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-005</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Andie Forsee
<b>Delegation:</b>	Pembroke Hill School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to protect children from secondhand smoke in cars

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 191 RSMo is amended and a new section is created regarding  
3 smoking in cars with minors present.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 none

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8 **Proposal for Action**

9 Smoking will not be permitted in motor vehicles in which there are children  
10 under the age of 18 present. Any person caught in violation of this bill will  
11 be fined.

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13 **Effective Date**

14 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010

15

16 **Justification**

17 According to the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, secondhand  
18 smoke causes 31,000 asthma attacks in minors each year, and 430 infant  
19 deaths are linked to secondhand smoke each year. A scientific study  
20 conducted by a researcher from Stanford showed that levels of pollutants in  
21 a car with a smoker reached 10 times what is considered by the EPA to be  
22 "hazardous." Children's lungs are still developing, which causes them to be  
23 more susceptible to toxins in cigarette smoke. This act will help protect  
24 children from the detrimental effects of secondhand smoke.

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26 **Expected Results**

27 The general health of children will improve with decreased exposure to  
28 secondhand smoke. The number of asthma attacks and infant deaths due to  
29 secondhand smoke will go down significantly.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOVICE HOUSE: # N-006**

**COMMITTEE A**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Robbie Sauer Jacob Gormly
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit North High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to secure safety in public pools.

1 **RSMo**  
2 Chapter 191  
3 Health and Welfare  
4 Section 191.765

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6 **Key Terms**

7 -Public place", any enclosed indoor area used by the general public or  
8 serving as a place of work including, but not limited to:  
9 -Any enclosed indoor place used for entertainment or recreation including,  
10 but not limited to, gymnasiums, theater lobbies, concert halls, arenas and  
11 swimming pools  
12 - Any other enclosed indoor areas used by the general public including, but  
13 not limited to, corridors and shopping malls

14  
15 **Proposal for Action**

16 People over the weight of 350 pounds, cannot swim in a public pools, due  
17 to that fact that the lifeguards will not be able to save them if they're  
18 drowning because they are too heavy. If these people drown in these pools,  
19 this will reflect badly upon the pool and the lifeguards.

20  
21 **Effective Date**

22 May 1, 2010. This is the date that this bill needs to become effective  
23 because this is about the time when public pools begin to open to get ready  
24 for summer.

25  
26 **Justification**

27 People who are obese are more likely to drown than people who are fit.  
28 Not only because of their weight but obese people have less energy. So,  
29 allowing these people to swim would put them into risk. Also, the lifeguards  
30 are not trained to lift somebody 2 or 3 times their own weight. The record  
31 for a snatch is 579 pounds and that is by a professional weight lifter. And

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32 lifeguards are not professional weight lifters, so they will not be able to get  
33 anywhere near that weight.  
34  
35 **Expected Results**  
36 I expect that passing this bill would reduce the number of drowning each  
37 year in the United States. This would make public pools more enjoyable and  
38 it would not have the lifeguard worrying so much. People would rather  
39 have their life than swim in a pool on a hot day.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOVICE HOUSE: # N-007**

**COMMITTEE B**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	John Heider
<b>Delegation:</b>	Parkway South High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to improve the fuel efficiency of motor vehicles in the state of Missouri.

1 **RSMo**  
2 643, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding automotive  
3 emissions standards.  
4  
5 **Key Terms**  
6 "Air pollution", the presence in the ambient air of one or more air  
7 contaminants in quantities, of characteristics and of a duration which  
8 directly and proximately cause or contribute to injury to human, plant, or  
9 animal life or health or to property or which unreasonably interferes with  
10 the enjoyment of life or use of property;  
11 "Emission", the discharge or release into the atmosphere of one or more air  
12 contaminants;  
13 "Emission control regulations", limitations on the emission of air  
14 contaminants into the ambient air;  
15  
16 **Proposal for Action**  
17 To reduce air pollution, all newly manufactured cars shall be required to  
18 have at least a combined EPA fuel economy rating of 23 miles per gallon,  
19 beginning on Monday, February 7, 2011. The only exceptions among new  
20 vehicles are buses designed to carry twenty or more people, vehicles  
21 designed for government use, vehicles not powered by a gasoline-based  
22 fuel, and vehicles that have more than four wheels.  
23 This bill will be enforced by requiring a mandatory inspection at the time a  
24 vehicle is sold. A state inspector will perform the inspection and issue an  
25 emissions license permitting the sale of the vehicle. The inspector will file  
26 the original license with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and  
27 issue a copy to the seller of the vehicle. The seller shall provide the copy to  
28 the purchaser. The license requirements apply to private sellers,  
29 auctioneers, automobile companies and automotive dealerships. The sale  
30 of any covered vehicle without the emissions license is unlawful.

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31 A fine of \$250 will be imposed on the seller of any covered vehicle that is  
32 sold without the license required by this section. A fine of \$50 will be  
33 imposed on any seller that does not provide the copy of the emissions  
34 license to the purchaser.  
35 Additional funding for this bill is not required. Private corporations will  
36 modify their products to comply with these new emission standards. The  
37 budget currently provided for the existing emissions program, which will be  
38 replaced by this bill, will pay for the cost of inspection and enforcement.  
39 Fines collected for violations of this bill would also pay for regulation and  
40 inspection.  
41 The Missouri Department of Natural Resources would provide inspectors  
42 and carry out all duties related to regulation and enforcement of emission  
43 standards. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources may delegate  
44 inspection duties to certified automotive inspection stations under the  
45 same standards as currently exist for automotive emissions inspections.  
46 The Effective Date:  
47 This act shall take effect on Monday, February 7, 2011.  
48 Justification:  
49 This bill would increase the fuel economy of most automobiles on the road,  
50 lowering the amount of contaminants and pollutants in the air. Because St.  
51 Louis, St. Charles and other well-populated Missouri cities rank tenth on the  
52 list of most polluted cities, this bill would improve the health of most state  
53 residents while not increasing their tax burden.  
54  
55 **Effective Date**  
56 This act shall take effect on Monday, February 7, 2011.  
57  
58 **Justification**  
59 This bill would increase the fuel economy of most automobiles on the road,  
60 lowering the amount of contaminants and pollutants in the air. Because St.  
61 Louis, St. Charles and other well-populated Missouri cities rank tenth on the  
62 list of most polluted cities, this bill would improve the health of most state  
63 residents while not increasing their tax burden.  
64  
65 **Expected Results**  
66 Emissions produced by vehicles will be diminished in Missouri. As a result,  
67 emission standards previously set for years such as 2016 and 2030 will be  
68 easier to accomplish. This could attract companies and the revenues they  
69 provide to Missouri by demonstrating Missouri's commitment to  
70 technology and the environment. Health care expenses related to pollution  
71 could be reduced.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-008</b> <b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Brooke Herriott Emma Williamson
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit North High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	The Sports Physical Education Act

1 **RSMo**  
2 161.102  
3 **Key Terms**  
4 Sorts include anything deemed by the school as physical activity. Coach is  
5 the instructor of a certain sport as deemed by the school. Credit is a high  
6 school academ graduation requirement.  
7  
8 **Proposal for Action**  
9 For each sport a student participates in students will be given half (.5) a  
10 physical education credit towards graduation. The student must participate  
11 the whole season to recieve credit. If the student misses more then 40% of  
12 the season no credit will be given. For any missed practices or games the  
13 student must make it up as mandated by the coach of the particular sport.  
14 If the students coach deems that the student has sufficiantly participated  
15 during practices and games they may deduct points from the students  
16 grade. Grades will be given for the class. The student must receive a passing  
17 grade to recieve credit. The sport must be a school sanctioned event.  
18  
19 **Effective Date**  
20 The act will be effective April 15, 2010  
21  
22 **Justification**  
23 Students participating in sports work harder and longer during practices  
24 and games then students who simply take a p.e. class to graduate. Also,  
25 even if students only participate in the sport for the credit they will still  
26 have more oportunities to find a sport they can enjoy for the rest of their  
27 life.  
28  
29 **Expected Results**  
30 More students participate in school sports and find life long sports causing a  
31 decrease in obesity.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-009</b> <b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Mollie Williams Hanna Kleiboeker
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit North High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	ACT TO REMOVE THE AGE QUALIFICAITON OF THE "TEXTING WHILE DRIVING" LAW IN MISSOURI

1 **RSMo**  
2 304.820, RSMo is amended.  
3  
4 **Key Terms**  
5 "Texting" refers to sending text messages on a cellular device. "While  
6 driving" entails being the operator of a motor vehicle in use.  
7  
8 **Proposal for Action**  
9 We the people, of the united cities of Missouri, in order to form a more  
10 perfect union, hereby establish the equality of ages in the "Texting While  
11 Driving" law. We propose to amend the law by changing the age of  
12 offenders. Instead of solely targeting people under the age of 21, we feel  
13 this law should apply to drivers of all ages.  
14  
15 **Effective Date**  
16 This act shall take affect on June 21, 2010.  
17  
18 **Justification**  
19 Texting while driving is an activity that distracts any age or skill ability of  
20 driver. These distracts can result in accidents ranging from minor to fatal.  
21 In order to help prevent these avoidable accidents, we feel all drivers  
22 should not be allowed to legally text while driving. The law states only  
23 drivers under the age of 21 will be fined \$200 and have two points added to  
24 their license. We feel this is unjust discrimination against young drivers  
25 when the risk applies to all ages.  
26  
27 **Expected Results**  
28 If this bill is passed, drivers of all ages will be included in the law and can be  
29 fined if caught texting while driving. The driver will be fined at minimum  
30 \$200. By removing the age specificity of this law, all drivers will be forced

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31 to not text while driving. This will result in fewer possibilities for accidents  
32 and safer roads for Missouri drivers.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-010</b> <b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sarah McLaughlin Meghan Lake
<b>Delegation:</b>	Parkway South High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act that says school should be shortened to Four Days a week for ten hours a day.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 171-The school board of each school district in the state may make  
3 all needful rules and regulations for the organization, grading and  
4 government in the school district. The rules shall take effect when a copy of  
5 the rules, duly signed by order of

6

7 **Key Terms**

8 "School Board"-A governing body of people elected to oversee  
9 management of a school district and represent the interests of residents.

10

11 **Proposal for Action**

12 We propose for students who attend public schools in Missouri go to school  
13 for Four days, ten hours a week. This will help save money for  
14 transportation by paying for less gas on Fridays. This bill will also help  
15 schools save money on electricity bill by having the schools not in use on  
16 Friday's.

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18 **Effective Date**

19 We plan for this act to be pasees August 28 2010, and for the new school  
20 year with four days a week to start August 16 2014.

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22 **Justification**

23 This bill will help the public schools in Missouri go from spending 1.2 million  
24 dollars a year on gas to 70,000. Schools would save more then a whole  
25 months worth of gas. Stated by [www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/...](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/)

26 With this act schools will also save money on electricity bills by having the  
27 school not in use on Friday's.

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30 **Expected Results**

31 This bill Will Make kids attending public schools go for Four days, ten hours  
32 a week meaning no school on fridays.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-011</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Samantha Miller
<b>Delegation:</b>	Visitation Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	A act that gives the duty of reporting intoxicated drivers to the individual's employer to the State Transportation Department

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 226, RSMo, is amended and a new section is added regarding the  
3 penalty of intoxicated driving in accordance with the State Transportation  
4 Department Commission.

5

6 **Key Terms**

7 "Power" shall refer to any course of action that the State Transportation  
8 Department can take or order in order for their duty to be properly served.  
9 "intoxicated" shall refer to any person over the legal amount of alcohol, or  
10 any person that has an excessive or illegal amount of drugs (such as  
11 marijuana, cocaine) in their system confirmed by tests conducted by an on-  
12 site authority.

13 "authority" shall refer to any public safety officer or consultant employed  
14 by the state, city, or county  
15 - (e.g. a police officer)

16

17 **Proposal for Action**

18 Applying to any individual regardless of age, race, or gender on public  
19 roads, this statue will ensure that if accosted by any authority while driving  
20 intoxicated, the employer of the individual will be notified by the  
21 commission.

22 This power will be executed by the State Transportation Department  
23 authority and because of the expected negative response the employer will  
24 have, it would be considered a penalty. This penalty will, as stated, be  
25 applied to any individual, regardless of circumstances because it is illegal  
26 and irresponsible to drive while intoxicated.

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29 **Effective Date**

30 This act shall be effective January 1, 2010.

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31 **Justification**

32 It is of the employer's best interest to be notified of irresponsibility on the  
33 road (driving while intoxicated) by the State Transportation Department.  
34 Notification and an awareness of the employee's responsibility will  
35 determine if the employee is truly to be trusted in any given occupation. It  
36 should also be taken into account the number of times an employee is  
37 reported, thus giving a deeper insight to his or her ethics in situations  
38 regarding responsibility of the road.  
39 Repeated reports may also lead to a repeal of the driver's license because  
40 of questionable responsibility.  
41

42 **Expected Results**

43 Missourians will be encouraged to conduct themselves in a proper manner  
44 on the road because of this penalty. Drivers will know employers will be  
45 notified if intoxicated driving is reported and their jobs may be questioned  
46 or suspended, and will thus be more responsible on the road and more  
47 disciplined while driving. An increased awareness for safety will also be  
48 promoted.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-013</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Darrick Noone T.J. Randall
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit West High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to control obesity and general health in the state of Missouri

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 191 RSMo, a new section is added regarding obesity and the  
3 general welfare of the people.  
4

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6 **Key Terms**

7 "Obesity", meaning very fat or overweight.  
8

9 **Proposal for Action**

10 As of January 1, 2010, all men under the height of 6'3" must weigh under  
11 225 pounds, all men over the height of 6'3" must weigh under 285 pounds.  
12 All women under the height of 6'0" must weight under 175 pounds, and all  
13 women over 6'0" must weigh under 205 pounds. If a person does not meet  
14 these specific requirements, the person will have six months to lose the  
15 weight. After this six month period, if said person still does not meet  
16 requirement he/she will be taxed \$5 per pound over the requirement. One  
17 exception applies to persons playing collegiate or professional sports, these  
18 persons do not need to meet these requirements. This tax will occur at the  
19 end of the six month period on July 1, 2010. All persons must weigh in at  
20 the beginning of every year at their local doctor's office and the six month  
21 process with start again. All persons will be weighed at their respective  
22 doctor's office and these doctors will be required to send this weight  
23 information in to the newly formed Obesity Control Agency (OCA). Funding  
24 for OCA will be derived from the said taxes imposed on persons not  
25 meeting the requirements.  
26

27 **Effective Date**

28 This act shall take effect January 1, 2010.  
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31 **Justification**

32 The purpose of this act is for a healthier Missouri as a whole. It has been  
33 scientifically proven that persons at a healthy weight are able to handle  
34 day-to-day situations better than persons that are obese. This act will also  
35 promote population growth as people will naturally become more  
36 attractive as they lose weight. This act will also create more self-pride in our  
37 state, as the citizens of it will become healthier than those of other states.

38

39 **Expected Results**

40 By creating weight requirements for the citizens of Missouri, these persons  
41 will naturally become healthier and more attractive, leading to better lives  
42 for all citizens of Missouri. This act will also lead to less fatalities regarding  
43 heart disease, heart attack/failure, etc. The citizens will also be more fit to  
44 handle everyday situations that are normally difficult for citizens who are  
45 overweight. The state will benefit as a whole from the boost of self-  
46 confidence that will occur in most of the citizens because of the weight loss.

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<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-014</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Alyssa Payne
<b>Delegation:</b>	Confluence Preparatory Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to mandate restaurants to recycle all paper, plastic, etc. They will go green by using green products to clean and manage their restaurants, and also to use energy saving generators.

1 **RSMo**

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Going green" means to start doing things little by little to help the  
6 environment, or to just switch to only buying things that are eco- friendly  
7 and recycling.

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9 A "green product" is one that is both environmentally and socially  
10 responsible. That is, they are accountable to, and respectful of, the places  
11 and people that provide and use them.

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13 "Mandate" is an official command or instruction from an authority.

14

15 "Recycling", the separation and reuse of materials which might otherwise  
16 be disposed of as solid waste

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18 **Proposal for Action**

19 The money for going green for some restaurants may be challenging but the  
20 time and space that is given will make the switch possible.

21

22 Starting January 1, 2015 all restaurants that are not completely following  
23 the green statement of this bill will get shut down.

24

25 The Missouri Department of Health would oversee all restaurants and  
26 report their growth.

27

28 **Effective Date**

29 This act will take effect on January 1, 2015.

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30 **Justification**

31 Going green doesn't just save the outside world; it also can save the hard-  
32 earned money in your bank account. This bill might need money to go into  
33 effect but in the long run it would save the owner money.

34  
35 **Expected Results**

36 The restaurants all going green would begin to save the environment and  
37 their money in the bank would increase. The owner of "Tin tea house  
38 lounge", Wan says, "her restaurant is now releasing 17,000 lbs. less of  
39 carbon dioxide into the local environment. Also, she annually saves 3.3  
40 million gallons of water (\$13,000) by using aerators, water conserving  
41 toilets, and pre-rinse spray nozzles, among other changes." So saving the  
42 world would also save your money.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-015</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Laura Van Genderen
<b>Delegation:</b>	Parkway South High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act related to restricting the grounds upon which a book can be banned or removed from a library.

1 **RSMo**

2 A new section is added to Chapter 182, RSMo regarding book bans.

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4 **Key Terms**

5 A "book ban" is the act of removing or refusing to allow a book in a library  
6 or school, usually due to controversial ideas of information.

7

8 **Proposal for Action**

9 In order to protect against censorship, the American Library Association will  
10 establish grounds upon which a book can be banned or removed from a  
11 public library or public school library in the State of Missouri.

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13 **Effective Date**

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

15

16 **Justification**

17 Part of having the right to freedom of speech is accepting that not everyone  
18 will agree with every idea. Every time we express ourselves, we risk saying  
19 something that others might not agree with, potentially causing  
20 controversy. But trying to please everyone by being rigorously politically  
21 correct at all times endangers our first amendment rights to freedom of  
22 thought, inquiry, and expression. Political correctness to the extent of  
23 being courteous is a good thing, as it is more polite and generally holds a  
24 neutral view. When taken too far, however, it can blind us of reality and  
25 simply becomes censorship. One of the most prominent forms of this in the  
26 United States is book bans. Not only have book bans on multiple occasions  
27 barred some of the greatest works in American Literature, but they also  
28 have endangered our constitutional rights in an attempt to be as inoffensive  
29 as possible. That being said, there are certain materials that one could  
30 logically see are inappropriate for a library, such as X-rated materials, and  
31 should not be made available. For these reasons, the American Library

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32 Association shall set grounds upon which a book can be denied or removed  
33 from a public library or public school library.

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35 **Expected Results**

36 The public will have access to books containing potentially controversial  
37 ideas or themes, with the exception of certain materials that are truly  
38 inappropriate for a library, such as X-rated materials. This protects the first  
39 amendment rights to freedom of speech, thought, and inquiry.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-016</b> <b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jenna Wengler
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit North High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to ban texting while driving

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 304.820, RSMo, will be amended to include persons of all ages and  
3 section 302.302, RSMo, will be amended to increase the points received  
4 against a driver's license for texting while driving.

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6 **Key Terms**

7 "Electronic message" is defined by section 304.820, RSMo, and includes, but  
8 is not limited to, electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a  
9 command or request to access an Internet site.

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11 "Hand-held electronic wireless communications device" is defined by  
12 section 304.820, RSMo, and includes, but is not limited to, any hand-held  
13 cellular phone, palm pilot, or blackberry, but shall not apply to any device  
14 that is permanently embedded into the architecture and design of the  
15 motor vehicle.

16

17 **Proposal for Action**

18 The current law that bans texting while driving for those under the age of  
19 twenty-one will be amended to include all drivers, regardless of age.  
20 Texting will include sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic  
21 message by means of a hand-held electronic communications device. The  
22 fine for texting while driving will remain \$200, the current texting while  
23 driving fine for those under the age of twenty-one. The number of points  
24 received against the driver's license will be increased from two to four. Law  
25 enforcement officers will be able to pull drivers over for violation of this law  
26 alone, without any other traffic violations.

27

28 **Effective Date**

29 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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33 **Justification**

34 Not only teenagers text while driving. In fact, one fifth of experienced adult  
35 drivers in the United States admit to texting while driving. Even though  
36 fewer adults text while driving than teens, enough adults text while they  
37 drive to be serious risks to both themselves and other drivers. If adults  
38 follow the texting ban, teens will be more likely to respect and follow it,  
39 too.

40  
41 Studies have shown that texting while driving is more dangerous than  
42 speeding, or even driving under the influence of alcohol. However, more  
43 points are currently received for speeding than texting while driving. Under  
44 the current law a driver would have to receive six tickets for texting while  
45 driving in twelve months for his/her license to be suspended. If the point  
46 value was increased to four, then the license would be suspended on the  
47 third violation.

48  
49 **Expected Results**

50 In 2008 there were nearly 6,000 deaths caused by texting while driving in  
51 the United States. Amending Missouri's texting while driving ban would  
52 reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Missouri's roads.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-017</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sasha Worthy Cheyenne Sosa
<b>Delegation:</b>	Confluence Preparatory Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to prevent social promotion in Missouri Schools

1 **RSMo**  
2 167.645

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Social Promotion- the practice of promoting a student to the next grade  
6 despite their low achievement in order to keep them with social peers.

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8 **Proposal for Action**

9 To prevent social promotion, representatives of the school board will be  
10 sent to MO classes and observe students. They will check to see if the  
11 students are comprehending the curriculum. If their grades are not passing  
12 and they are not trying to improve then the student must take a grade level  
13 assessment. This assessment will determine weather the student will be  
14 promoted to the next grade level.

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16 **Effective Date**  
17 The school year of 2010-2011

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19 **Justification**

20 Studies show that students who participate in social promotion are more  
21 likely to drop out when they do get passed on to the next grade. This is  
22 because when the student gets passed on they are overwhelmed with the  
23 curriculum level they are supposed to meet. Social promotion also tells  
24 students that it is okay to lack off and still get where they need to be and  
25 this is not the case in real life.

26  
27 **Expected Results**

28 The drop out rates will decrease because students will want to learn so that  
29 they can stay with their peers. Those students who are not trying will be  
30 held behind until they reach an appropriate age that the teachers, parents,  
31 and school district board members agree on. Seeing as though they are not

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32 trying to learn there will be a hearing on whether or not the child should be  
33 put in special education classes. There will also be a lot more learning time.  
34 This is because when a teacher passes on a child who clearly isn't trying;  
35 their next teacher will have to take time out of their teaching time to take  
36 care of one child who obviously isn't ready for the grade they were sent to.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-019</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sarah Kramer Caitlyn Chickey
<b>Delegation:</b>	Parkway South High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Implimenting The Dare Program Throughout Missouri Schools in Secondary Educaion

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 161,Rsmo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
3 known as Section 161.509, to read as follows

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "D.A.R.E", drug abuse resistance education program

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8 "D.W.I", driving while intoxicated

9

10 "secondary School", school for grades 6th-9th

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12 **Proposal for Action**

13 By enacting the act, it will put the D.A.R.E program back into secondary  
14 schools. The funding for the program will come from D.W.I tickets, making  
15 an automatic rule that states when tickated for drinking while intoxicated,  
16 automatically \$100.00 fine will go to funding the D.A.R.E program.

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18 **Effective Date**

19 This act will take effect on August 28th, 2010.

20

21 **Justification**

22 This act needs to be put to action because there is already an increase in  
23 drug and alcohol use in secondary schools. Secondary Schools are taking th  
24 D.A.R.E program out of their school because they don't have enough  
25 funding to support the program.

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27 a.) www.dosomething.org stated that by eighth grade 52% of adolesants  
28 have consumed alcohol, 41% have smoked cigarettes, and 20% have used  
29 marijana.

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31 b.) drugabuse.gov says that the percent of drug and alcohol use has  
32 declined over the past two years but the drug and alcohol use needs to be  
33 put to an absolute minimum. By putting in the D.A.R.E program into  
34 secondary schools it would raise the awareness on the harms that alcohol  
35 and drugs can do to your body.

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37 c.) The number of people ticketed with DWI's in 2008 was 9,273 people.  
38 Meaning in 2008 alone 927,300 dollars would be made and would  
39 automatically go to putting the D.A.R.E program back into secondary  
40 schools. This is plenty of money to fund this program.

41  
42 **Expected Results**

43 If this bill is passed, it is expected that the percent of alcohol and drug use  
44 in secondary schools will continue to decrease, and the kids will enjoy  
45 learning about how bad drugs and alcohol are for them. This is a fun way for  
46 children to learn to consequences of getting into to drugs and alcohol.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-020</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sam Hallett Andy Chou
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit North High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Act to increase the cigarette tax in the state of missouri

1 **RSMo**

2 this bill would amend chapter 149

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4 **Key Terms**

5 all terms remain as currently defined in that chapter

6

7 **Proposal for Action**

8 upon passing of this bill the cigarette tax in the state of missouri will  
9 increase by 1 cent per cigarette.

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11 **Effective Date**

12 immediately upon passage

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14 **Justification**

15 It would increase revenue for the state of missouri with out taxing things  
16 that are essential to every day life. Because of harmful side effects of  
17 smoking such as lung cancer and because of the side effects of second hand  
18 smoke, this bill is a way for smokers to give back to the state of missouri.

19

20 **Expected Results**

21 It would help boost the state of missouri's economy

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-021</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Alanna Danner
<b>Delegation:</b>	Confluence Preparatory Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend chapter 311 RSMo stating that liquor will not be sold anywhere in Missouri after 10pm.

1 **RSMo**

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3 **Key Terms**

4 Intoxicating liquor is defined in chapter 311.020

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6 **Proposal for Action**

7 Liquor will not be sold at any bars, clubs, liquor stores or anywhere that  
8 sells liquor now after 10pm.

9 If there is any liquor sold they will pay a fine of 450 dollars and 700 hours of  
10 community service or 45 days of jail and 300 hours of community service.

11

12 **Effective Date**

13 One year from bill passing

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15 **Justification**

16 With my bill I want to help more people than myself. I think my bill will help  
17 families more than anybody. By not selling liquor after 10p.m there will be  
18 fewer accidents and less loved ones lost. I want people to start realizing  
19 what they are doing to families. I want liquor sellers to realize how they are  
20 partially faulted because they don't sell a certain amount to people. I plan  
21 to stop selling liquor everywhere in Missouri after 10p.m.

22

23 **Expected Results**

24 There will be fewer accidents and less deaths. Also, there will be less DWI  
25 and Missouri will save money as a whole.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-023</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Tricie Gray
<b>Delegation:</b>	Confluence Preparatory Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to create a punishment to penalize adults who are providing minors with tobacco.

1 **RSMo**

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3 **Key Terms**

4 Tobacco: the prepared leaves, as used in cigarettes, cigars, and pipes.

5 Minors: a person under the legal age of full responsibility.

6 Penalize: to declare (an action, deed, etc.) punishable by law or rule.

7 Warning: to admonish or exhort, as to action or conduct.

8

9 **Proposal for Action**

10 Adults will get a warning at first for providing minors with tobacco, if they  
11 continue to provide the minors with tobacco they will serve 200 hours of  
12 community service.

13 Then if they still continue to provide the minors with tobacco products they  
14 will get sent to jail

15 Store clerks will not even sell their tobacco products to the adults if they  
16 have a child with them under the age of fifth teen

17 No store will sell tobacco products, and/or rolling paper in their store  
18 without viewing an ID, if they say they forgot their ID that shows that the  
19 person is 18 Or older; DO NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

20 Things that will happen if you provide minors with tobacco products:

- 21 • For the first offense, warning
- 22 • For the second offense, 200 hours of community service
- 23 • For third and subsequent offense, JAIL TIME ( 1 year and 1 day) or a fine  
24 of \$300

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26 **Effective Date**

27 The act shall take effect on June 1, 2010.

28

29 **Justification**

30 The law created is very important because there are many people dying  
31 from tobacco products. There is an average of 1150 deaths in Missouri

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32 annually. Every year, almost 10,000 Missourians die from tobacco-related  
33 diseases. This law will keep the youth from being one out of the 1150  
34 deaths. They haven't even lived their lives yet.

35  
36 **Expected Results**

37 This law will keep adults accountable from providing the minors with  
38 tobacco uses. This law will help the state be a healthier and more pleasant  
39 place to be. This law will also make minors distance themselves from  
40 tobacco products.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-024</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Connor Moylan Spencer Hamilton
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit North High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to replace the EOC test with the ACT for all sophomores in Missouri.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended and let a new section be created regarding  
3 end of course exams.

4

5 **Key Terms**

6 Let ACT, or American College Testing be defined as a standardized test given  
7 to high school students.

8 Let EOC, or end of course exam, be defined as a test given to sophomores in  
9 Missouri.

10

11 **Proposal for Action**

12 Instead of requiring sophomores take the EOC exam, Highschoolers in  
13 Missouri will instead take the ACT at the end of the year.

14

15 **Effective Date**

16 The act shall take effect on July 16, 2010.

17

18 **Justification**

19 Sophomores will in turn be more prepared for the next time they decide to  
20 take the ACT as juniors or Seniors, and also this will standardise the test  
21 results so they can be more easily compared.

22

23 **Expected Results**

24 ACT scores will rise in all Missouri High Schools.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOVICE HOUSE: # N-025**

**COMMITTEE B**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sydney Hochsprung
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit West High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Missouri School Lunch Act to Ensure Balanced Nutrition to Students

1 **RSMo**

2 This act would create a new section in Title XI: Education and Libraries of  
3 the Missouri Revised Statutes.

4  
5 **Key Terms**

6 The Recommended Dietary Allowance is the estimated amount of a  
7 nutrient (or calories) per day considered necessary for the maintenance of  
8 good health by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research  
9 Council/ National Academy of Sciences.

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11 **Proposal for Action**

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13 The Missouri School Lunch Act to Ensure Balanced Nutrition to  
14 Students would be in addition to the National School Lunch Act, and would  
15 be used to insure full, balanced nutrition to students who would not always  
16 be able to attain one outside of school. While the National School Lunch Act  
17 does make sure that school lunches include one-third of the  
18 Recommended Dietary Allowances of protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron,  
19 calcium, and calories, the Missouri School Lunch Act to Ensure Balanced  
20 Nutrition to Students would add another one-third of the allowances of  
21 Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron, and calcium to Missouri school lunches. In  
22 addition to increase in those nutrients, there would be an included one half  
23 of the Recommended Dietary Allowances of Vitamin B and Vitamin D. The  
24 Missouri School Lunch Act is proposed to achieve the full dietary allowance  
25 of students who may not be able to achieve another two-thirds allowance of  
26 the said nutrients outside of school, as proposed by the National School  
27 Lunch Act.

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29  
30 **Effective Date**

31 August 28, 2010

**CONTINUATION OF N-025**

32 **Justification**

33 The justification needed to put the Missouri School Lunch Act to Ensure  
34 Balanced Nutrition to Students lies in the dietary habits of Americans. In  
35 America, obesity is becoming an epidemic, and this is most likely not  
36 because they were getting too many vitamins and minerals. Another goal of  
37 the Missouri School Lunch Act to Ensure Balanced Nutrition to Students is  
38 to set students up for dietary success, and seeing as the National School  
39 Lunch Act's guidelines were set in 1995, a time not so aware of the so-  
40 called 'epidemic' in America today, the guidelines seem like they need a few  
41 more nutrients.

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43 **Expected Results**

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45 The results of the Missouri School Lunch Act to Ensure Balanced Nutrition  
46 to Students are expected to include achieving the balanced nutrition of  
47 Missouri students who may not be able to do so inside of school. It as is  
48 expected to hopefully create healthier dietary habits in those students,  
49 encouraging them to continue consuming recommended allowance of  
50 nutrients after their academic careers.

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**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOVICE HOUSE: # N-026**

**COMMITTEE B**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Maddie Maschger Courtney King
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lee's Summit North High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	AN ACT TO MAKE ANY AND ALL HATE CRIMES, REGARDLESS OF EXTREMITY, ILLEGAL IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AND TO RAISE THE PROSECUTION CHARGES FOR THESE CRIMES.

**CONTINUATION OF N-026**

29 **Expected Results**

30 This bill carries the hope that the continuation of hate crimes throughout  
31 the State of Missouri shall be discouraged, and that a sense of security and  
32 peace shall settle throughout.

1 **RSMo**

2 Added to Chapter 557.

3

4 **Key Terms**

5 For the purpose of this section, the terms "hate crimes" shall refer to any  
6 act of harm, violence, disturbance of peace, or any other illegal activity  
7 because of an individual's hate or opposition towards another individual  
8 based on sexual orientation, gender, religious affiliation, ethnicity, or  
9 political opinions. "Criminal" shall be defined as anyone who commits such  
10 crimes.

11

12 **Proposal for Action**

13 All citizens in the State of Missouri shall be legally inclined to abide by the  
14 law in which hate crimes shall be considered illegal, and prosecution  
15 charges will be increased after the passage of this bill. Officers of the law  
16 will be required to arrest anyone who performs a hate crime and press said  
17 charges, as stated in Section D. Any officer who does not follow this law will  
18 have to go to court his or herself in order to determine the consequences.  
19 This bill also works to remove prejudices from the minds of Missourians.

20

21 **Effective Date**

22 This act shall take effect immediately after passage. Any hate crimes  
23 committed in the last five years or earlier shall not be affected in terms of  
24 charges by this bill.

25

26 **Justification**

27 Hate crimes will be made illegal in order to create a more peaceful state & a  
28 sense of security among Missouri citizens.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOVICE HOUSE: # N-027**

**COMMITTEE B**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Samantha Rios Esme Nulan
<b>Delegation:</b>	Pembroke Hill School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	To Restrict Smoking with Adolescents under 16 in the Car

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 307, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created concerning  
3 smoking with children under 16 in a vehicle.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "tobacco", the leaves are used and processed for use in cigarettes and  
7 cigars for smoking. Tobacco increases the chanced for getting cancers.

8 Tobacco smoke is inhaled when a person smokes a cigarette.

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10 "Second Hand Smoke", smoke that comes from the exhale of smokers,  
11 which is called mainstream smoke, and the smoke coming from the end of  
12 the cigarette, cigar, or pipe, which is called side stream smoke. Increases  
13 risk for: respiratory infections, asthma, coughing, sore throats, sniffing, and  
14 sneezing, cancer, heart disease.

15

16 **Proposal for Action**

17 Any person with people in his/her vehicle below the age of 16 will not be  
18 allowed to smoke. If a police officer sees a smoker with a teen/child under  
19 the age of 16 in his/her vehicle, the driver will be pulled over by the official,  
20 ticked, and fined. If an adult in the car other than the driver is smoking and  
21 there are children under the age of 16, then both the driver and the smoker  
22 will be fined. The driver can still carry cigarettes in the car, but the  
23 cigarettes must remain unlit. By enacting this new law, it will provide a  
24 healthy environment in a car for adolescents.

25

26 **Effective Date**

27 This acts shall take effect on August 27, 2011.

28

29 **Justification**

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30 Second hand smoke is scientifically proven to be dangerous, but when  
31 magnified in a closed area like a vehicle, it can have many short and long  
32 term effects. Drivers and passengers should not be allowed to endanger the  
33 lives of children and adolescents under the age of 16. People under that age  
34 are impressionable and also still growing, which could cause greater harm.  
35 Even when the smoker attempts to exhale the smoke out of the window,  
36 does little to reduce smoke exposure.

37

38 **Expected Results**

39 The car will be a healthy safe environment for children under 16. It is more  
40 likely that they will lead more active and healthy lives. This act may also  
41 cause parents and adults to think before they smoke around children and  
42 adolescents.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-028</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Helen Phillips
<b>Delegation:</b>	Pembroke Hill School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Ban of cell phones in school pick up zones

1 **RSMo**

2 This bill will be placed under chapter 160.

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Ban; School pick up zones- area where children are picked up and dropped  
6 off from school; cell phones

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8 **Proposal for Action**

9 This bill will save lives of children by stopping the use of cell phones in  
10 school pick up lanes. People get distracted while on their cell phones and  
11 when this happens, it puts the lives of children in danger. By enacting this  
12 law the accidental deaths of children will dramatically decrease. If a person  
13 is using a cell phone while the car is moving in a pick up lane, they will be  
14 fined. This bill would take effect in both private and public schools.

15

16 **Effective Date**

17 August 28 2010

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19 **Justification**

20 In the 1998-1999 school year 864 died between the hours of 6am to 9am  
21 and 2pm to 5pm in school pick up zones.

22

23 **Expected Results**

24 The expected results from enacting this bill is that accidental death and  
25 injury of children in school drop off zones will dramatically decrease.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-029</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Blake Schmidt
<b>Delegation:</b>	Pembroke Hill School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to create a new tax credit for people making significant strides to improve their health.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 135, RSMo is amended to add a new Section 135.1200 regarding  
3 this credit.

4

5 **Key Terms**

6 "Target Body Weight", the body weight for a particular age, sex, and height  
7 of an individual as determined by the World Health Organization and as  
8 verified by a physician's written certification through an annual physical at  
9 some point during the calendar year for which the credit is claimed;

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11 "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143,  
12 RSMo, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265,  
13 RSMo;

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15 "Taxpayer", a person subject to the state income tax imposed by the  
16 provisions of chapter 143, RSMo. For purposes of this Section 135.1200,  
17 "Taxpayer" does not include a corporation or any other firm.

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19 **Proposal for Action**

20 For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer shall be  
21 allowed to claim a tax credit against the taxpayer's state income tax liability  
22 in an amount as described below.

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24 The tax credit is comprised of two elements:

- 25 (1) \$500 for the taxpayer and for each dependent claimed on the  
26 taxpayer's Missouri income tax return above the age of five who is within  
27 ten percent of their Target Body Weight.  
28 (2) \$100 for the taxpayer and each dependent over the age of 18 who  
29 has either:  
30 a. completed a smoking cessation program during the applicable  
31 calendar year.

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32 b. enrolled and paid for a gym membership for at least six months  
33 during the applicable calendar year.

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35 A taxpayer and his or her dependents can qualify for both the credits set  
36 forth in (1) and (2) above; however, a taxpayer and each of his or her  
37 dependents can qualify for only of the credits in (2). The tax credits for a  
38 taxpayer and his or her dependents in a given year cannot exceed the  
39 following amounts: (a) the credits in (1) cannot exceed \$1,500 and (b) the  
40 credits in (2) cannot exceed \$300.

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42 To qualify for the \$500 tax credit, the taxpayer or the dependent claiming  
43 such credit must visit a doctor within the tax year and obtain written  
44 confirmation that their body weight is within ten percent of their Target  
45 Body Weight. Such confirmation can be provided through a doctor's letter  
46 or on a confirmation form to be provided by the Missouri Department of  
47 Revenue. An individual must have such written confirmation from a doctor  
48 in connection with any office visit that may occur during the applicable tax  
49 year.

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51 To qualify for the \$100 credit for smoking cessation classes or a gym  
52 membership, each person claiming the credit must obtain a paid receipt  
53 demonstrating that they have paid for the smoking cessation program or  
54 have paid at least six months of a gym membership during the tax year.

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56 The Department of Revenue will oversee the implementation and  
57 enforcement of this new tax credit.

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59 **Effective Date**  
60 This act should take effect on January 1, 2010 enabling taxpayers to claim  
61 the credit on their 2010 Missouri individual income tax return.

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63 **Justification**  
64 This bill would create incentives for Missouri citizens to improve their  
65 health, through better control of their weight, increased exercise and  
66 smoking cessation classes. These incentives will help make Missouri's  
67 average citizen healthier, thus reducing insurance costs for every Missouri  
68 citizen. One of the best ways to control health care costs is to have  
69 healthier citizens who should not have as high medical costs.

70 **Expected Results**  
71 More Missouri citizens will control their weight, exercise and attempt to  
72 stop smoking. These incentives will cause Missouri's average citizen to be  
73 healthier and will lead to lower health insurance costs.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NOVICE HOUSE: # N-031</b> <b>COMMITTEE B</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Shreya Walia
<b>Delegation:</b>	Parkway South High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	A Bill to Ban the Use of Plastic Water Bottles in Schools Across Missouri

1 **RSMo**  
2 The use of plastic water bottles in all Missouri school shall be banned, thus  
3 saving money, energy, and space.  
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5 **Key Terms**  
6 Plastic Water bottle: a glass or plastic vessel used for storing drinks or other  
7 liquids; typically cylindrical.  
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9 **Proposal for Action**  
10 No school in the state of Missouri shall sell plastic water bottles within the  
11 school grounds.  
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13 **Effective Date**  
14 The act shall become effective immediately upon passage.  
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16 **Justification**  
17 The purpose of the Bill is to encourage the new generation of children to  
18 use the water treated and supplied by regular water systems. The Missouri  
19 Department of Natural resources will oversee the enforcement of the act.  
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21 **Expected Results**  
22 Passage of this bill will result in reducing waste, money spent, and the  
23 consumption of energy associated with the production and recycling of  
24 plastic water bottles.  
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