

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-001

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Andrew Baer
Delegation:	Harrisonville High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act requiring all school districts in the state of Missouri to have a gifted education program for their students.

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- 30 college ready student will emerge from this program ready to succeed in
- 31 further educational endeavors or in the work place.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended regarding the gifted education program.

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4 **Key Terms**
5 "Gifted children" are defined in section 162.675 of RSMo.

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7 **Proposal for Action**
8 All school districts will be required to establish a gifted education program
9 in order to fully meet the needs of their highest achieving students. The
10 establishment is outlined in section 162.720 RSMo. All school districts in
11 the state will receive funding by the state based upon the Department of
12 Education and Secondary Education's discretion. All programs will follow
13 the rules and regulations set forth in the Department of Education and
14 Secondary Education's Administrative Manual and Guidelines for gifted
15 programs.

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17 **Effective Date**
18 This act shall take effect the following school year upon passing.

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20 **Justification**
21 There are many students in schools without gifted education programs who
22 are suffering at the hands of their own educational system. The gifted
23 students are being slowed down by a curriculum that is not challenging
24 enough, whereas with a gifted education program these students would be
25 pushed to reach their maximum potential.

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27 **Expected Results**
28 The academic progression of students will be improved through the gifted
29 education's push and challenge. A more intelligent, experienced, and

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SENATE: # S-003

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Christopher Burford
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act declaring all high schools in the state of Missouri will allow school sports to be counted as a physical education (P.E.) credit.

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30 **Expected Results**

31 That student athletes will react positively toward this act because they will
32 have received a reward saying they understand that it can be difficult doing
33 a sport and school.

1 **RSMo**

2 RSMo

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Student Athletes" will be defined as student participating in a school sport

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7 **Proposal for Action**

8 All school districts will be required to adopt a policy for students grade nine
9 through twelve involved in interscholastic athletics, will receive one physical
10 education credit for completing that sports entire season.

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12 **Effective Date**

13 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010

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15 **Justification**

16 Students athletes are usually busier than the average student because of
17 their involvement in interscholastic athletics. Most likely they are in good
18 physical condition because of there involvement in the sport or sports in
19 which they are involved so there would be no need for them to take a
20 physical education class, when they are already spending time doing a
21 school related activity doing what a physical education class would be
22 teaching. They just wouldn't be receiving a school credit for it, even though
23 they are spending school related time doing this. This would let the student
24 athletes take more classes need or want to instead of a physical education
25 class their basically already taking or taken.

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SENATE: # S-004	
EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Zane Clark
Delegation:	Cameron YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to mandate all alternative schools in the state of Missouri to issue graduates a separate high school diploma or a G.E.D.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 171, RSMo, in which a new section is created regarding alternative
3 schools

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5 **Key Terms**
6 "Alternative School", shall be defined as a nontraditional school providing
7 education to students who are sent there.

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9 "General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.)", shall be defined as a certification
10 proving that the recipient has American high school level academic skills.

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12 **Proposal for Action**
13 For all alternative schools in the state of Missouri on or after July 1st, 2010,
14 when a student graduates with all requirements of the state of Missouri,
15 they shall receive either a diploma with their alternative schools' name on
16 it, or a G.E.D.

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18 Each individual school will decide which of the two they will issue, but they
19 must issue all students in the same grade the same certification/diploma.

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21 The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will
22 oversee that this is enforced.

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24 **Effective Date**
25 This act shall come into effect on July 1st, 2010

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27 **Justification**
28 In my home town we have an alternative school where at risk students are
29 sent so that they have a better opportunity to receive an education.

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30 Students are at this alternative school for fewer hours than traditional
31 school, learning from teachers with lower expectations, and yet when they
32 graduate they receive the same diploma I receive after attending school for
33 longer hours, learning from teachers that had higher expectations. When a
34 college/employer looks at my application compared to an alternative school
35 graduate, they see no difference. I do not believe this is fair because I
36 worked harder and longer to get what I deserved. It doesn't make sense to
37 me that a student who goes to school less than me should earn the exact
38 same diploma I do. By passing this bill, the school systems in the state of
39 Missouri will become more fair and balanced.

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41 **Expected Results**
42 This act will give students the incentive of a traditional high school diploma
43 to stay in school, and will reward students who do.

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SENATE: # S-005

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Jessica Crouch
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Limit Participants in MSHAA Activities or Intrastate Competitions to Missouri Residents Only.

1 **RSMo**

2 This act amends current MSHAA regulations regarding the residency of
3 participants.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 MSHSAA- Missouri State High School Activities Association

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8 Intrastate competitions or activities- Competitions and activities exclusively
9 for Missouri schools.

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11 Missouri Resident- A person whose permanent address is within the state
12 of Missouri and who pays taxes to the Missouri state government.

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14 **Proposal for Action**

15 Policies will be created by The Department of Elementary and Secondary
16 School Education regulating the authenticity of Missouri residents. Any
17 student who is found to not be a Missouri resident and continues to
18 participate in the Missouri activity will be permanently banned from all
19 related activities. If any school is found to have knowledge of a non-
20 Missouri resident participating in the said activities, this will result in the
21 expulsion of that entire school's participation in the specific activity for the
22 next school year. All school districts and private school institutions within
23 the state of Missouri will be required to adhere to this policy.

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25 **Effective Date**

26 This act shall take effect in August, 2010.

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28 **Justification**

29 An unfair advantage is given to private institutions with non-Missouri
30 residents participating and competing against Missouri residents. For

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31 private institutions with residents from another state, a separate league can
32 be created for the participants' residential state, as well as separate state-
33 only activities. This will make Missouri intrastate competitions more
34 legitimate and create equality in sports leagues and other state-sponsored
35 activities. MSHSAA programs will be limited to those that they were created
36 for, Missouri residents.

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38 **Expected Results**

39 Equal opportunities will be offered in Missouri state high school activities.
40 Missouri state competitions will be more fair due to the residential
41 regulations given to participants.

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SENATE: # S-006

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Aaron Kusmec
Delegation:	Harrisonville High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to establish adequate gifted education services in all school districts of Missouri.

1 **RSMo**
2 Section 162.675, RSMo, is amended, one new section is enacted to be
3 known as Section 162.721, RSMo, and Section 162.720, RSMo, is repealed
4 and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section
5 162.722.

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7 **Key Terms**
8 “Gifted children”, children who exhibit precocious development of mental
9 capacity and learning potential as determined by competent professional
10 evaluation

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12 “Gifted educational services”, programs designed to meet the needs of
13 children with academics needs beyond the environment of the standard
14 grade-level curriculum

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16 **Proposal for Action**
17 Section 162.675, RSMo, is amended, definition number 2 to read as follows:
18 2) “Gifted children”, children who exhibit precocious development of
19 mental capacity and learning potential as determined by competent
20 professional evaluation to the extent that continued educational growth
21 and stimulation will best be served by an academic environment beyond
22 that offered through a standard grade-level curriculum; and Section
23 162.675, RSMo, is further amended, the addition of definition number 6 to
24 read as follows:

25 6) “Gifted educational services”, programs designed to meet the needs of
26 children with academics needs beyond the environment of the standard
27 grade-level curriculum and which include, but are not limited to, the
28 provision of diagnostic and evaluation services, student and parent
29 counseling, itinerant, homebound and referral assistance, organized

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30 instructional and therapeutic programs, transportation, and corrective and
31 supporting services.

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33 One new section, to be known as Section 162.721, RSMo, is hereby
34 enacted, to read as follows:
35 162.721. 1. There is hereby created within the Department of Elementary
36 and Secondary Education a “Division of Gifted Education” which shall be
37 staffed and organized by March 1, 2010, and shall be governed by the rules
38 and regulations of that body.

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40 2. The Division of Gifted Education shall have jurisdiction over all gifted
41 educational services in the state of Missouri as defined in Section 162.625,
42 RSMo, and shall be required to submit a yearly report by the start of the
43 legislative session immediately following the most recent school year.

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45 3. There is hereby also created within the Missouri General Assembly a
46 “Joint Committee on Gifted Education” which shall be appointed by March
47 1, 2010, and shall consist of the following:

- 48 (1) Four members of the Senate Education Committee, two from
49 each party, selected by the Chairman;
- 50 (2) four members of the House of Representatives Elementary and
51 Secondary Education Committee, two from each party, selected by the
52 Chairman;
- 53 (3) the Assistant Commissioner of Gifted Education;
- 54 (4) four (4) education professionals possessing at least five (5)
55 years experience in the field of gifted education and who teach in that field
56 concurrent with their appointment to this committee.

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58 4. The Assistant Commissioner of Gifted Education and four (4) educational
59 professionals shall serve in an advisory capacity, the same having no vote in
60 the deliberations of the committee.

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62 5. The Joint Committee on Gifted Education shall have supervisory
63 capabilities over the Division of Gifted Education.

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65 Section 162.720, RSMo, is hereby repealed and one new section enacted in
66 lieu thereof, to be known as Section 162.722, to read as follows:
67 162.722. 1. Where a child is determined to be gifted and his/her
68 development requires programs or services beyond the level of those
69 ordinarily provided in regular public school programs, districts must
70 establish special programs for such a gifted child.

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72 2. All gifted education programs, hereafter referred to as "programs", shall
73 be subject to the following requirements:
74 (1) All programs shall be taught by a professional educator holding
75 a Missouri teaching certification in the academic area for which gifted
76 education is provided, having at least two (2) years classroom teaching
77 experience, and having received at least two (2) semester hours education
78 in the Psychology and/or Education of the Exceptional (or Gifted) Child;
79 (2) in all grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, programs shall
80 provide a pull-out format class for all gifted students that shall include at
81 least 210 minutes of face-to-face instruction with a qualified instructor;
82 (3) programs shall provide for differentiated instruction which
83 accommodates higher cognitive processes and concepts, such instruction, if
84 needed, to extend beyond the purview of the Advanced Placement and
85 International Baccalaureate programs, and such instructional means to be
86 determined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;
87 (4) and the student-to-teacher ratio of such programs shall not
88 exceed fifteen to one (15:1).
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90 3. All other requirements of such programs shall be decided and
91 administered by the Division of Gifted Education and Joint Committee on
92 Gifted Education pursuant to Section 165.721, RSMo.
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94 4. School districts shall be required to provide such other gifted educational
95 services, as defined in Section 162.625, RSMo, as the need shall arise in the
96 individual case of each gifted student in the district, such services to be
97 assisted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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99 **Effective Date**

100 This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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102 **Justification**

103 Whereas, the purpose of the public education system is to provide for the
104 educational needs of all students;
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106 and whereas, the public education system has provided for the educational
107 needs of the average and handicapped students;
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109 and whereas, handicapped students receive protection and educational
110 benefits under law;
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112 and whereas, gifted students do not receive these educational benefits and
113 protections;
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115 let the YMCA General Assembly of the State of Missouri enact such
116 legislation as will extend the protection of the law to gifted students.
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118 **Expected Results**
119 It is expected that the number of gifted educational services in the state of
120 Missouri will rise, and that the quality of education received by gifted
121 children shall increase. Furthermore, confidence in the public education
122 system shall be restored by the equitable assessment and service of the
123 needs of all students. Parents, students, and educators may then take more
124 pride in their school districts. The quality of public education in general in
125 the state of Missouri shall also increase.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-007 EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Taylor Park
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to omit mandatory Physical Education for students participating in after school sports

1 **RSMo**
2 161.102. 1.

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4 **Key Terms**

5 For the purpose of this section, the terms "students" shall refer to any
6 person enrolled in any secondary school, "school sponsored sports" shall
7 refer to after school activities funded by the school, "season" shall refer to
8 completing the full length of the chosen sport, "Physical Education" shall to
9 the systematic instruction in sports, exercises, and hygiene given as part of
10 a schools curriculum, "head coach" shall refer to as the leader in that
11 particular sport, "level of participation"

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13 **Proposal for Action**

14 All students in secondary schools that have participated or are participating
15 in any combination of two school sponsored sports seasons. These
16 students will no longer be required to complete that schools mandatory
17 Physical education requirements. These students must have their head
18 coach approve their level of participation to the administration.

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20 **Effective Date**

21 If passed this act will go into affect August 28, 2010.

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23 **Justification**

24 Students that participate in school sponsored sports get more than enough
25 physical exercise in one season than other students can obtain in an entire
26 year of Physical education courses.

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28 **Expected Results**

29 Students that participate in school sponsored sports no longer have to
30 complete the requirement for their schools Physical Education courses.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-008 EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Evan Summers
Delegation:	Pembroke Hill School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to the prohibition of the sale, purchase, and/or possession of a handgun in the state of Missouri.

1 **RSMo**
2 A new section shall be added to Chapter 571 of RSMo.

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Handgun" is to be defined as any firearm that is held and fired with one
6 hand, as a pistol. It is important to distinguish handguns from shotguns and
7 rifles, which are not affected by this legislation. "Possession" is to be
8 defined as knowingly having at one's disposal, physically holding, carrying,
9 or keeping in a place such as a home, car, vault, etc. "Gun-carrying official"
10 is to be defined as someone who legally carries a handgun because of their
11 job. Police officers, active military personnel, and security personnel are all
12 examples of "Gun-carrying officials."

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14 **Proposal for Action**

15 It is illegal for anyone, excluding gun-carrying officials, to engage in the sale,
16 purchase, and/or possession of a handgun that was licensed and/or
17 manufactured after the year 1950.

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19 After the passage of this bill, citizens will be given six months to turn in any
20 illegal handguns to any official police department. To compensate for the
21 citizens' loss, each citizen turning in a handgun will receive a one time tax
22 credit of \$500 dollars. This tax credit will be paid for with a minute increase
23 on the cigarette tax.

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25 Any person who fails to comply with this new law will be charged with a
26 Class A Misdemeanor (up to one year in jail, and a fine of up to \$1000).
27 Second time offenders will be charged with a Class D Felony (up to four
28 years imprisonment and fine of up to \$5000). Offenders found to be in
29 violation more than twice will be charged with a Class C Felony (up to seven
30 years imprisonment and fines of up to \$5000).

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31 **Effective Date**

32 This law is to take effect six months after its passage.

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34 **Justification**

35 Missouri’s gun laws are far too lenient, especially in context of handguns.
36 There is no demonstrated need for civilians to carry handguns because rifles
37 and shotguns can still serve self-defense and hunting purposes, and as a
38 result, prohibiting handguns would greatly increase the overall safety of
39 Missouri. In fact, more than two out of three of the one million Americans
40 who died in firearm-related homicides, suicides, and unintentional
41 shootings since 1962 were killed with handguns. Out of the current total
42 firearms population of some 190 million, rifles and shotguns outnumber
43 handguns two to one, yet handguns account for the majority of killings,
44 woundings, and gun crimes. For example, of all firearm-related crimes in
45 1993, 86 percent involved the use of a handgun. If this is the case across
46 America, than it is certainly a problem that needs to be addressed in
47 Missouri, which, as of 1996, ranked 36th in the nation in gun deaths, with
48 .156 deaths per every 1000 people. There is no reason to make committing
49 a violent crime in the state of Missouri easier, and this law would be an
50 important step towards creating a safer Missouri.

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52 **Expected Results**

53 Rates of violent crime and handgun-related accidents and fatalities would
54 decrease. One would also expect that fewer people would take the law into
55 their own hands because it would be more difficult to commit a “heat of the
56 moment” crime without a handgun. In addition, this law would not limit
57 anybody’s ability to defend himself or herself or to hunt, because other
58 forms of firearms would still be legal. Overall, this legislation would help
59 create a safer and more successful Missouri.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-009	
EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Lindsey Van Oyen
Delegation:	St. Joseph's Academy
Type:	An Act
Title:	act to make service hours mandatory for public high school students.

1 **RSMo**

2 170.037

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4 **Key Terms**

5 “Service hours” Time spent in doing non paid work geared towards helping
6 a cause, person, or organization. This does not include (but not limited to)
7 these unacceptable forms of service: unpaid babysitting, lawn mowing, or
8 house sitting; the student must get out into his or her community.
9 Acceptable forms of service include (but not limited to) serving food in a
10 homeless shelter, participating in a retreat (in which the student is a
11 leader), or group service project.

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13 **Proposal for Action**

14 All students enrolled in public high schools in the state of Missouri will be
15 required to complete a minimum of one hundred hours of service upon his
16 or her high school graduation. These hours will be completed on the
17 student’s personal time, and the school of which the student attends is in
18 no way responsible in seeing that the student is provided with options
19 and/or opportunities for said service hours. The students will be able to use
20 all of his or her time enrolled in high school including time when school is
21 not in session.

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23 **Effective Date**

24 This bill will take effect at the beginning of the school year following this
25 bill’s passage.

26

27 **Justification**

28 It is important for one to experience the rewards and challenges of
29 volunteer work. Especially for teenagers, this will be an excellent alternative

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30 to making poor decisions during one's free time. Moreover, this act will
31 instill a sense of community and civic responsibility in each student.

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33 **Expected Results**

34 Many high school students will graduate feeling not only a sense of pride
35 that comes with earning a diploma but also the satisfaction of knowing he
36 or she has completed at least one hundred hours of service. This not only
37 will help individual students, but also the communities of which the
38 students reside from the service work which will be conducted by the
39 students.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-010 HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Carter Baum
Delegation:	Pembroke Hill School
Type:	An Act
Title:	American-Indian Remembrance Week to Admire, Learn about, and Keep Native peoples in our hearts (AIRWALK): An act to create a new state-wide holiday.

1 **RSMo**

2 This section will be created anew and will be placed within Chapter 402 of
3 RSMo.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "American Indian" is defined as a member of any of the peoples indigenous
7 to the Americas including the Eskimos, Aleuts, and Inuits.

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9 **Proposal for Action**

10 Designate the second week of April, the midpoint between President's Day
11 and Memorial Day (the longest stretch between two existing federal
12 holidays), as the Missouri AIRWALK. Starting on the first Sunday of the
13 week, we will commemorate one of the major Missourian American Indian
14 tribes for each day of the week. It will be laid out as following: Sunday-
15 Chickasaw, Monday-Quapaw, Tuesday-Osage, Wednesday-Illini, Thursday-
16 loway, Friday-Missouria, Saturday-Otoe. During the school/work week, each
17 day the school will be responsible with educating their students about the
18 corresponding tribe for the day. On the friday of the week, we will have
19 school and work off to remember the tribe from which we take the name of
20 our great state through television broadcasts, radio specials, and
21 newspaper columns. On the two weekend days, adults will be encouraged
22 to talk to their children about, respectively, the Chickasaw and Otoe tribes.

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24 **Effective Date**

25 This act shall be enacted on January 1, 2010

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27 **Justification**

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28 The various American Indian tribes that have lived on the lands of our great
29 state deserve the recognition that other important figures in our American
30 past have received. These other figures include Christopher Columbus,
31 Martin Luther King Jr., and George Washington. The American Indian tribes
32 that have existed here for millennia must be remembered and our youth
33 must be educated about these tribes and their customs.

34

Expected Results

36 The public will have a greater understanding and knowledge of where our
37 state's roots take hold. A greater respect for the American Indian tribes will
38 be fostered and this will benefit the state of Missouri by making its citizens
39 more in-tune with their state. Finally, the public will rejoice when they
40 discover that they have been blessed with a whole week of not only joy and
41 excitement, but of unequivocal erudition regarding a subject matter most
42 important to our state.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-011	
HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Sarah Carollo
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Lower the Cost of Prescription Medications

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 354-600

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4 **Key Terms**

5 The phrase "certain drugs with life-saving potential" will be any drug with
6 promise for a patent and scientific research displaying positive results for
7 the drug.

8 The procedure and definition of "clinical trials" will be those as defined by
9 the Food and Drug Administration.

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11 **Proposal for Action**

12 This bill will make it so the Missouri government will buy the patents for
13 certain drugs with life-saving potential and then allow any capable company
14 to manufacture the drug, including the original developer, once the clinical
15 trials are completed.

16 The funding for this bill will be provided by charitable organizations that are
17 in support of the prospective medication. The private charitable
18 organizations will give the donations to the Missouri government's
19 Department of Health and Senior Services.

20 The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will legally own the
21 patents.

22 Further collaboration will be held within the Department of Health and
23 Senior Services to decide upon the medication and companies that will be
24 involved.

25

26 **Effective Date**

27 This bill will be in effect in March of 2010.

28

29 **Justification**

30 The pharmaceutical companies choose prices that are inflated because of
31 the high prices they pay for the long period of testing they do on it, and also

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32 the patent they have to buy. By funding (through charitable organizations)
33 the patent the companies will be able to lower prices, thus making the drug
34 more affordable to individuals.

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36 **Expected Results**

37 This will provide incentive for the researching company to produce the
38 prescription medication faster but also provide the competition necessary
39 to bring life-saving prescription medications to those who need it at the
40 lowest possible cost.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-012 HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Jessica D'Souza
Delegation:	Visitation Academy
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Ammend Chapter 453 RSMO to Require Full Medical History For Adoptive Guardian(s)

1 **RSMo**

2 Chaper 453

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4 **Key Terms**

5 For the purpose of this legislation medical history shall be defined as "any
6 and all availbale records or illness, disease, prescribed medication, surgical
7 operations, and hospital visits of all biological family members." Parents
8 shall be defined as "the biological mother and father of the prospective
9 adoptive child." Adoption agency shall be defined as "any private or public
10 group, organization, or company that facilitates the adoption of a child."

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12 **Proposal for Action**

13 Chapter 453 RSMO shall be ammended to include: When placing a child up
14 for adoption, parent(s) shall provide to the adoption agency the medical
15 history of the adoptee. The adoption agency shall transfer the information
16 to parallel forms which protect the anonymity of the parent(s).

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18 Prior to the adoption the adoption ageny shall provide the child's complete
19 medical conditions to the prospective guardian(s) after the finalization of
20 the adoption by the adoption agency.

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22 **Effective Date**

23 These regulations will go into effect on January 1, 2012.

24

25 **Justification**

26 Adopted guardians are not given a medical history at the time of adoption.
27 This makes treatment and general care difficult for health care providers
28 because many conditions are hereditary or the child may be at risk for
29 certain diseases or illnesses.

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31 **Expected Results**

32 Many adopted children are not able to receive the best possible medical
33 treatment because their family medical history is not known. This step will
34 provide information to help effectively care for the adopted child while
35 protecting the privacy of the biological family.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-013 HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Holly Haddock
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	to change the allowed number of missed payments of child support to be considered as felony.

1 **RSMo**

2 568

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Child" means any biological or adoptive child, or any child legitimated by
6 legal process, or any child whose relationship to the defendant has been
7 determined, by a court of law in a proceeding for dissolution or legal
8 separation, to be that of child to parent;

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10 "Good cause" means any substantial reason why the defendant is unable to
11 provide adequate support. Good cause does not exist if the defendant
12 purposely maintains his inability to support;

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14 "Support" means food, clothing, lodging, and medical or surgical attention;

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16 "Class A Misdemeanor" means a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars
17 and imprisonment for a term not to exceed one year;

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19 "Arrearage" means the debt that remains after part of an overdue payment
20 has been paid;

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22 "Class D Felony" means a fine no more than five thousand dollars, and
23 imprisonment for a term not to exceed four years;

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25 **Proposal for Action**

26 For all persons in Missouri who are obligated, by court order, to pay child
27 support, those shall be punished after three months within any twelve-
28 month period of committing criminal nonsupport, or a total arrearage in
29 excess of five thousand dollars, as a class D felony.

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31 For only one missed payment by obligated parents of child support, this
32 shall be considered a Class A Misdemeanor.

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34 The Missouri Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee this
35 new regulation.

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37 **Effective Date**
38 This act shall take effect on January 1,2010.

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40 **Justification**
41 Child support is a large source of state debt in Missouri. Of the numerous
42 families with divorced parents, child support payments are often times hard
43 to be collected on a regular basis. The enforcement of child support
44 payments are crucial to keeping the persons obligated in order. The
45 consequences for criminal nonsupport take away certain amounts of
46 incomes for the non-paying person after one month, however, the increase
47 of penalties only occurs once someone does not pay for six individual
48 months in a twelve month period.

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50 This act will require the nonpayment to be considered a class D felony after
51 three individual months of nonsupport in a twelve-month period.

52
53 **Expected Results**
54 In passing of this act, there shall be less fraud and criminal nonsupport of
55 obligated parents in Missouri who are payng child support as it is due.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-014 HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Rayce Heck
Delegation:	Lee's Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to have a mandatory continuance of state funding for the Tour of Missouri.

1 **RSMo**
2 258.100 and 258.010

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4 **Key Terms**
5 Tour of Missouri- The Tour of Missouri is a professional road bicycle racing
6 stage race held in Missouri that made its debut on September 11, 2007 with
7 six days of racing

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9 Continue- keeping a certain state, condition, or activity
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11 State funding- Money provided by a particular state.

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13 **Proposal for Action**
14 The State of Missouri will continue the state funding for the Tour of
15 Missouri each year of for the next 5 years giving up to 2 million dollars per
16 year.

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18 **Effective Date**
19 The act shall take effect on February 10, 2010.

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21 **Justification**
22 The Tour of Missouri has a huge economic impact on the state of Missouri.
23 In 2008, Tour spectator attendance was estimated at 434,000. People from
24 all across America and the world come to participate in or witness this
25 particular race. 52% of all spectator spending comes from non-Missouri
26 residents. In 2008, out-of-state spectator spending totaled over 15 million
27 dollars. Over the past two years, Missouri has gained a income of 60 million
28 dollars from in and out of state spectators. In fact, 69% of out-of-state Tour
29 spectators say that the Tour of Missouri is a “big part” of their vacation to
30 Missouri. Therefore, the Tour of Missouri brings millions of dollars into the

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31 state, which is of benefit to hundreds of small businesses as well as the
32 overall state economy.

33
34 **Expected Results**

35 Millions of tourist dollars will continue to be brought into the state of
36 Missouri.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-015 HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Jessi Holsman
Delegation:	Harrisonville High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to create a mandatory policy for restaurants to have an information list of food allergens and an ingredient list for the items that the restaurant serves.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 196, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding a
3 food allergen policy in restaurants.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 “Gluten” is a protein found in wheat, rye, and barley. Barley is also often
7 labeled as malt. People who have celiac disease are intolerant to gluten and
8 get very sick with even small trace amounts from cross contamination.

9

10 “Cross Contamination” occurs when a food without a known food allergen
11 that a person would have a problem with comes in contact with known
12 food allergen.

13

14 “Top Eight Food Allergens” account for 90% of all food allergic reactions.
15 These are: milk, egg, peanut, tree nut, fish, shellfish, soy, and wheat.

16

17 “Anaphylaxis” is a sudden, severe, whole-body allergic reaction. After first
18 exposure, a person’s immune system becomes sensitized to that allergen.

19

20 “Food Intolerance” a reaction to a food that does not involve the immune
21 system, may allow a limited amount, and is not life-threatening reaction.

22

23 “Food Allergy” occurs when a person reacts to a certain food.

24

25 **Proposal for Action**

26 All restaurants should be required to have available on location an
27 informational list of the top eight food allergens and other common
28 allergens, including gluten. An ingredient list for each of the restaurant’s
29 menu items shall be readily available on location and at the disposal of

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30 clientele. Restaurant employees should complete a training course, and
31 demonstrate a basic understanding, regarding food allergies and gluten
32 intolerance.

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34 **Effective Date**

35 This act shall take effect 180 days after it passes and becomes a law.

36
37 **Justification**

38 An estimated 11 million Americans suffer from food allergies, or about one
39 in twenty five. Each of these runs the risk of anaphylaxis and/or other
40 severe allergic reactions. For many, food allergens, including gluten, must
41 be strictly avoided because lasting, severe reactions could occur with even
42 trace amounts ingested. When a food allergic or food intolerant person eats
43 at a restaurant their dining experience could be very risky. Restaurants
44 having on hand a list of ingredients available to restaurant clientele could
45 open their doors to those who have intolerances.

46
47 **Expected Results**

48 People who have food allergies or gluten intolerance would be able to eat
49 at restaurants. This not only gives an allergic citizen new opportunities, but
50 also prevents serious health crisis on the restaurant premises.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-016	
HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Michael Kuffel
Delegation:	Harrisonville High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to Emergency medical attention

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 medical attention.

4
5 **Key Terms**

6 "Illegal immigrants" are defined as foreigners who have entered the United
7 States unlawfully and/or without the proper authorization.

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9 **Proposal for Action**

10 Every person who enters a hospital in the state of Missouri in search of
11 medical attention must show proof of legal US residency and/or citizenship.
12 If a person cannot show legal proof of residency and/or citizenship, then
13 they will be denied attention. It is the hospital's responsibility to report the
14 incident to the proper authorities.

15
16 **Effective Date**

17 This act shall take effect January 1, 2010.

18
19 **Justification**

20 Every day more illegal immigrants cross the Unites States borders. Their
21 presence results in many jobs being taken from tax-paying US citizens and
22 legal immigrants. Denying medical attention to illegal immigrants would
23 deter many from wanting to enter this country.

24
25 **Expected Results**

26 Depriving illegal immigrants of free health care would make them
27 reconsider crossing the border to the United States. This decline in the
28 number of illegal immigrants in this country would create a corresponding
29 increase in the number of jobs available to US citizens and legal immigrants.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-017

HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS

Introduced by:	Scott LaCombe
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Require Drivers to Dispose of Animal Carcasses that the Have Run Over

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32 **Expected Results**

33 If this bill is passed, then the number of carcass road hazards on missouri
34 roads and highways will be greatly reduced. Any funds generated from fines
35 and fees will be allocated towards the department of Education in the state
36 of Missouri.

1 **RSMo**

2 304.001

3

4 **Key Terms**

5 Roadkill will be defined as an animal that has been killed on any state
6 highway, or local road. Road kill can include a variety of animals.

7 A vehicle will be defined as a automobile that is powered that is powered
8 by an internal combustion engine. Vehicles can also include any man
9 powered transportation devices; for example, bicycle or vespa.

10 Driver will be defined as any person who is operating a vehicle.

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12 **Proposal for Action**

13 After the passage of this bill, any driver who runs over an animal and
14 creates "Roadkill" will be required to dispose of the animal's carcass
15 properly. Proper disposal includes consumption, destruction, or
16 transporting the carcass to a local land fill. Animal control may be called to
17 remove the animal, but a \$100 fee will be given to fund the transportation
18 and disposal of the animal. If an animal weighs less than 3 pounds, then
19 disposal is not required. If the driver fails to remove the carcass and is
20 caught by authorities, a \$300 fine will be charged on the driver. Improper
21 disposal will also result in a fine.

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23 **Effective Date**

24 The act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

25

26 **Justification**

27 Roadkill creates a hazard for drivers on the highways. The carcass not only
28 spreads disease when it decomposes, but also attracts more scavengers to
29 the site of the accident. These scavenging animals can cause even more
30 accidents.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-018

HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS

Introduced by:	Tom Mason
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend Tab 5 of the Missouri YMCA Youth In Government Advisor Manuel .

1 RSMo

2 No section of the RSMo is amended. Instead, Tab 5 of the Missouri YMCA
3 Youth In Government Advisor Manuel is amending regarding the rights of
4 all participants in the Youth In Government program.

6 Key Terms

7 All terms used shall adhere to the current definitions used for the current
8 Missouri YMCA Youth In Government Advisor Manuel.

10 Proposal for Action

11 At the next general YIG assembly election on Saturday, December 5,
12 2009, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of the Missouri YIG
13 Convention, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Tab 5 of
14 the Missouri Youth In Government Advisor Manuel:

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16 The portion of the Committee Structure section of the Discipline Plan
17 outlined in Tab 5 of the Missouri YMCA Youth In Government Advisor
18 Manuel which reads, "At the State Convention, a Disciplinary Committee
19 will be established consisting of the State Director (non-voting), Program
20 Committee Chairperson, three adult advisors and three students. The
21 Chairperson only votes in case of a tie and all decisions are only
22 recommendations to the State Director who makes the final disciplinary
23 action decisions", is hereby amended to read as follows: "At the State
24 Convention and for any YIG related offenses committed in the preparatory
25 months prior to the State Convention, a Disciplinary Committee will be
26 established consisting of the State Director (non-voting), Program
27 Committee Chairperson, three adult advisors and three students. The
28 Chairperson only votes in case of a tie and all decisions are only
29 recommendations to the State Director who makes the final disciplinary
30 action decisions."

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32 In addition, the portion of the Committee Actions section of the Discipline
33 Plan outlined in Tab 5 of the Missouri YMCA Youth In Government Advisor
34 Manuel which reads, "The Program Committee Chairperson and State
35 Director will speak to the offending student(s) and their delegation advisor
36 seeking all details and any pertinent information on the incident and call all
37 parent(s), if necessary", will now read as follows: "The Program Committee
38 Chairperson and State Director will speak to the offending student(s) and
39 their delegation advisor seeking all details and any pertinent information on
40 the incident and call all parent(s), if necessary. During this time, the
41 student(s) and their delegation advisor shall be given a time of no less than
42 five minutes to speak in their defense. For offenses carried out in the
43 months preceding the State Convention, this conversation may be held over
44 email if both the Program Committee Chairperson and the offending
45 student's advisor agree to such terms."

46
47 Finally, the portion of the Committee Actions section of the Discipline Plan
48 outlined in Tab 5 of the Missouri YMCA Youth In Government Advisor
49 Manuel which reads, "If it is felt further investigation is warranted, the
50 Program Committee Chairperson will call together the members of the
51 Disciplinary Committee and notify the offending student(s), their advisor(s),
52 and any witnesses of the time and location of the meeting", will now read
53 as follows: "If it is felt further investigation is warranted, the Program
54 Committee Chairperson will call together the members of the Disciplinary
55 Committee and notify the offending student(s), their advisor(s), and any
56 witnesses of the time and location of the meeting. In addition, the
57 offending student's delegation advisor(s) also holds the right to call
58 together the members of the Disciplinary Committee. Any meeting called
59 by a delegation advisor will follow the same agenda as a meeting called by
60 the Program Committee Chairperson."

62 Effective Date

63 This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2010.

65 Justification

66 Under the current rules outlined in the Missouri YMCA Youth In
67 Government Advisor Manuel, a student receiving disciplinary action while
68 at the State Convention retains the right to speak in his/her defense, but a
69 student receiving disciplinary action for YIG related activities prior to the
70 State Convention does not. This means that if a student's bill is deemed
71 inappropriate by the State Director, that student is never given the

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72 opportunity to defend his/her bill. The Missouri Youth In Government
73 motto states, "Democracy must be learned by each generation." If
74 democracy is truly to be learned and experienced through YIG, the basic
75 rights existing in a democracy must be extended to participants at all stages
76 of the program.

77
78 **Expected Results**

79 The passage of this bill would increase the rights of YIG participants, and
80 better convey the purpose of democracy to all involved in the program.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-019 HEALTH AND STATE AFFAIRS	
Introduced by:	Therese O'Brien
Delegation:	St. Joseph's Academy
Type:	An Act
Title:	A Bill for Child Protection

1 **RSMo**

2 566.108

3

4 **Key Terms**

5 Abuse to treat in a harmful, injurious, or offensive way

6 Child Molestation a crime involving a range of indecent or sexual activities
7 between an adult and a child under the age of 14.

8 Class B Felony: the maximum term of imprisonment authorized exceeds ten
9 years but is less than twenty years;

10 Class C Felony: the maximum term of imprisonment authorized is ten years;

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12 **Proposal for Action**

13 Child molestation of any child 0-18 years old shall be changed from a Class C
14 Felony to a Class B Felony.

15

16 **Effective Date**

17 Effective Immediately upon passage

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19 **Justification**

20 This bill will ensure that children are kept safer from sexual predators by
21 increasing the penalty for those who harm the youth of the state of
22 Missouri.

23

24 **Expected Results**

25 There will be fewer child predators among our children. This will prevent
26 future infractions of the same type in Missouri.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-020

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Alex Bennett
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to increase the federal punishment for use of an illegal substance by women who are pregnant.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 195, RSMo is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
3 known as section 195.67, to read as follows:

4
5 **Key Terms**

6 (1) "Illegal substance"- is generally a drug or chemical whose manufacture,
7 possession, and use are prohibited and unregulated by the government.

8
9 (2) "Pregnant"- is the carrying of one or more offspring, known as a fetus or
10 embryo, inside the uterus of a female.

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12 (3) "Narcotics" -refers to any illegal or unlawfully possessed drug including
13 marijuana and cocaine

14
15 **Proposal for Action**

16 The current federal punishment for a first offence use of an illegal
17 substance (i.e., narcotics) is up to a 7-year jail term, or up to a 50,000 dollar
18 fine, or both. For subsequent offences the punishment is up to a 25-year jail
19 term, or up to a \$100,000 fine, or both. If the woman in question is found to
20 be pregnant, and is proven to have taken an illegal substance, then criminal
21 charges shall be placed against her along with the regulated punishment for
22 use of an illegal substance. These criminal charges are an added 10-year jail
23 sentence or 50,000 dollar fine. If said woman claims to not have previous
24 knowledge of her pregnancy then she shall be evaluated by a doctor to
25 determine how far along the pregnancy is and if her symptoms are
26 apparent.

27
28 **Effective Date**

29 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
30

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31 **Justification**

32 Every year up to 221,000 women use illicit drugs during pregnancy in the
33 united states (statistics produced by americanpregnancy.org). The purpose
34 of this bill is to hopefully prevent women from using illegal drugs during
35 their pregnancies. The use of these drugs are harmful to not only the
36 mother, but also the baby. Giving women an incentive to not use illegal
37 drugs during their pregnancies could help to decrease the numbers of birth
38 issues caused by the harmful effects of these drugs.

39
40 **Expected Results**

41 Women who use illegal drugs will be more aware of the harmful effects that
42 they could have on their baby and will prevent them from using drugs while
43 pregnant. This will cause the rates of miscarriages and birth defects caused
44 by drug use to go down.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-021

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Robert Faddis
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend 195.010, legalizing medical marijuana

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 195.010 is amended to legalize medical marijuana

3

4 **Key Terms**

5 (a) "Debilitating medical condition" means:

6 (I) Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, or
7 acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or treatment for such conditions;

8 (II) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition, or treatment for
9 such conditions, which produces, for a specific patient, one or more of the
10 following, and for which, in the professional opinion of the patient's
11 physician, such condition or conditions reasonably may be alleviated by the
12 medical use of marijuana: cachexia; severe pain; severe nausea; seizures,
13 including those that are characteristic of epilepsy; or persistent muscle
14 spasms, including those that are characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or

15 (b) "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, production, use, or
16 transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia related to the administration
17 of such marijuana to address the symptoms or effects of a patient's
18 debilitating medical condition, which may be authorized only after a
19 diagnosis of the patient's debilitating medical condition by a physician or
20 physicians, as provided by this section.

21 (c) "Parent" means a custodial mother or father of a patient under the age
22 of eighteen years, any person having custody of a patient under the age of
23 eighteen years, or any person serving as a legal guardian for a patient under
24 the age of eighteen years.

25 (d) "Patient" means a person who has a debilitating medical condition.

26 (e) "Physician" means a doctor of medicine who maintains, in good
27 standing, a license to practice medicine issued by the state of Missouri.

28 (f) "Primary care-giver" means a person, other than the patient and the
29 patient's physician, who is eighteen years of age or older and has significant
30 responsibility for managing the well-being of a patient who has a
31 debilitating medical condition.

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32 (g) "Registry identification card" means that document, issued by the state
33 health agency, which identifies a patient authorized to engage in the
34 medical use of marijuana and such patient's primary care-giver, if any has
35 been designated.

36 (h) "State health agency" means that public health related entity of state
37 government designated by the governor to establish and maintain a
38 confidential registry of patients authorized to engage in the medical use of
39 marijuana and enact rules to administer this program.

40 (i) "Usable form of marijuana" means the seeds, leaves, buds, and flowers
41 of the plant (genus) cannabis, and any mixture or preparation thereof,
42 which are appropriate for medical use as provided in this section, but
43 excludes the plant's stalks, stems, and roots.

44 (j) "Written documentation" means a statement signed by a patient's
45 physician or copies of the patient's pertinent medical records.

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48 **Proposal for Action**

49 To legalize medical use of marijuana for persons suffering from debilitating
50 medical conditions.

51 (III) Any other medical condition, or treatment for such condition, approved
52 by the state health agency, pursuant to its rule making authority or its
53 approval of any petition submitted by a patient or physician.

54 (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (5), (6), and (8) of this
55 section, a patient or primary care-giver charged with a violation of the
56 state's criminal laws related to the patient's medical use of marijuana will
57 be deemed to have established an affirmative defense to such allegation
58 where:

59 (I) The patient was previously diagnosed by a physician as having a
60 debilitating medical condition;

61 (II) The patient was advised by his or her physician, in the context of a bona
62 fide physician-patient relationship, that the patient might benefit from the
63 medical use of marijuana in connection with a debilitating medical
64 condition; and

65 (III) The patient and his or her primary care-giver were collectively in
66 possession of amounts of marijuana only as permitted under this section.
67 This affirmative defense shall not exclude the assertion of any other
68 defense where a patient or primary care-giver is charged with a violation of
69 state law related to the patient's medical use of marijuana.

70 (b) Effective June 1, 2010, it shall be an exception from the state's criminal
71 laws for any patient or primary care-giver in lawful possession of a registry

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72 identification card to engage or assist in the medical use of marijuana,
73 except as otherwise provided in subsections (5) and (8) of this section.
74 (c) It shall be an exception from the state's criminal laws for any physician
75 to:
76 (I) Advise a patient whom the physician has diagnosed as having a
77 debilitating medical condition, about the risks and benefits of medical use
78 of marijuana or that he or she might benefit from the medical use of
79 marijuana, provided that such advice is based upon the physician's
80 contemporaneous assessment of the patient's medical history and current
81 medical condition and a bona fide physician-patient relationship; or
82 (II) Provide a patient with written documentation, based upon the
83 physician's contemporaneous assessment of the patient's medical history
84 and current medical condition and a bona fide physician-patient
85 relationship, stating that the patient has a debilitating medical condition
86 and might benefit from the medical use of marijuana.
87 No physician shall be denied any rights or privileges for the acts authorized
88 by this subsection.
89 (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, no person, including a patient
90 or primary care-giver, shall be entitled to the protection of this section for
91 his or her acquisition, possession, manufacture, production, use, sale,
92 distribution, dispensing, or transportation of marijuana for any use other
93 than medical use.
94 (e) Any property interest that is possessed, owned, or used in connection
95 with the medical use of marijuana or acts incidental to such use, shall not
96 be harmed, neglected, injured, or destroyed while in the possession of state
97 or local law enforcement officials where such property has been seized in
98 connection with the claimed medical use of marijuana. Any such property
99 interest shall not be forfeited under any provision of state law providing for
100 the forfeiture of property other than as a sentence imposed after conviction
101 of a criminal offense or entry of a plea of guilty to such offense. Marijuana
102 and paraphernalia seized by state or local law enforcement officials from a
103 patient or primary care-giver in connection with the claimed medical use of
104 marijuana shall be returned immediately upon the determination of the
105 district attorney or his or her designee that the patient or primary care-
106 giver is entitled to the protection contained in this section as may be
107 evidenced, for example, by a decision not to prosecute, the dismissal of
108 charges, or acquittal.
109 (3) The state health agency shall create and maintain a confidential registry
110 of patients who have applied for and are entitled to receive a registry
111 identification card according to the criteria set forth in this subsection,
112 effective June 1, 2010.

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113 (a) No person shall be permitted to gain access to any information about
114 patients in the state health agency's confidential registry, or any
115 information otherwise maintained by the state health agency about
116 physicians and primary care-givers, except for authorized employees of the
117 state health agency in the course of their official duties and authorized
118 employees of state or local law enforcement agencies which have stopped
119 or arrested a person who claims to be engaged in the medical use of
120 marijuana and in possession of a registry identification card or its functional
121 equivalent, pursuant to paragraph (e) of this subsection (3). Authorized
122 employees of state or local law enforcement agencies shall be granted
123 access to the information contained within the state health agency's
124 confidential registry only for the purpose of verifying that an individual who
125 has presented a registry identification card to a state or local law
126 enforcement official is lawfully in possession of such card.
127 (b) In order to be placed on the state's confidential registry for the medical
128 use of marijuana, a patient must reside in Missouri and submit the
129 completed application form adopted by the state health agency, including
130 the following information, to the state health agency:
131 (I) The original or a copy of written documentation stating that the patient
132 has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition and the
133 physician's conclusion that the patient might benefit from the medical use
134 of marijuana;
135 (II) The name, address, date of birth, and social security number of the
136 patient;
137 (III) The name, address, and telephone number of the patient's physician;
138 and
139 (IV) The name and address of the patient's primary care-giver, if one is
140 designated at the time of application.
141 (c) Within thirty days of receiving the information referred to in
142 subparagraphs (3) (b) (I)-(IV), the state health agency shall verify medical
143 information contained in the patient's written documentation. The agency
144 shall notify the applicant that his or her application for a registry
145 identification card has been denied if the agency's review of such
146 documentation discloses that: the information required pursuant to
147 paragraph (3) (b) of this section has not been provided or has been falsified;
148 the documentation fails to state that the patient has a debilitating medical
149 condition specified in this section or by state health agency rule; or the
150 physician does not have a license to practice medicine issued by the state of
151 Missouri. Otherwise, not more than five days after verifying such
152 information, the state health agency shall issue one serially numbered
153 registry identification card to the patient, stating:

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154 (I) The patient's name, address, date of birth, and social security number;
155 (II) That the patient's name has been certified to the state health agency as
156 a person who has a debilitating medical condition, whereby the patient may
157 address such condition with the medical use of marijuana;
158 (III) The date of issuance of the registry identification card and the date of
159 expiration of such card, which shall be one year from the date of issuance;
160 and
161 (IV) The name and address of the patient's primary care-giver, if any is
162 designated at the time of application.
163 (d) Except for patients applying pursuant to subsection (6) of this section,
164 where the state health agency, within thirty-five days of receipt of an
165 application, fails to issue a registry identification card or fails to issue verbal
166 or written notice of denial of such application, the patient's application for
167 such card will be deemed to have been approved. Receipt shall be deemed
168 to have occurred upon delivery to the state health agency, or deposit in the
169 United States mails. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no application shall be
170 deemed received prior to June 1, 1999. A patient who is questioned by any
171 state or local law enforcement official about his or her medical use of
172 marijuana shall provide a copy of the application submitted to the state
173 health agency, including the written documentation and proof of the date
174 of mailing or other transmission of the written documentation for delivery
175 to the state health agency, which shall be accorded the same legal effect as
176 a registry identification card, until such time as the patient receives notice
177 that the application has been denied.
178 (e) A patient whose application has been denied by the state health agency
179 may not reapply during the six months following the date of the denial and
180 may not use an application for a registry identification card as provided in
181 paragraph (3) (d) of this section. The denial of a registry identification card
182 shall be considered a final agency action. Only the patient whose
183 application has been denied shall have standing to contest the agency
184 action.
185 (f) When there has been a change in the name, address, physician, or
186 primary care-giver of a patient who has qualified for a registry
187 identification card, that patient must notify the state health agency of any
188 such change within ten days. A patient who has not designated a primary
189 care-giver at the time of application to the state health agency may do so in
190 writing at any time during the effective period of the registry identification
191 card, and the primary care-giver may act in this capacity after such
192 designation. To maintain an effective registry identification card, a patient
193 must annually resubmit, at least thirty days prior to the expiration date
194 stated on the registry identification card, updated written documentation

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195 to the state health agency, as well as the name and address of the patient's
196 primary care-giver, if any is designated at such time.
197 (g) Authorized employees of state or local law enforcement agencies shall
198 immediately notify the state health agency when any person in possession
199 of a registry identification card has been determined by a court of law to
200 have willfully violated the provisions of this section or its implementing
201 legislation, or has pled guilty to such offense.
202 (h) A patient who no longer has a debilitating medical condition shall return
203 his or her registry identification card to the state health agency within
204 twenty-four hours of receiving such diagnosis by his or her physician.
205 (i) The state health agency may determine and levy reasonable fees to pay
206 for any direct or indirect administrative costs associated with its role in this
207 program.
208 (4) (a) A patient may engage in the medical use of marijuana, with no more
209 marijuana than is medically necessary to address a debilitating medical
210 condition. A patient's medical use of marijuana, within the following limits,
211 is lawful:
212 (I) No more than two ounces of a usable form of marijuana; and
213 (II) No more than six marijuana plants, with three or fewer being mature,
214 flowering plants that are producing a usable form of marijuana.
215 (b) For quantities of marijuana in excess of these amounts, a patient or his
216 or her primary care-giver may raise as an affirmative defense to charges of
217 violation of state law that such greater amounts were medically necessary
218 to address the patient's debilitating medical condition.
219 (5) (a) No patient shall:
220 (I) Engage in the medical use of marijuana in a way that endangers the
221 health or well-being of any person; or
222 (II) Engage in the medical use of marijuana in plain view of, or in a place
223 open to, the general public.
224 (b) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, the state health
225 agency shall revoke for a period of one year the registry identification card
226 of any patient found to have willfully violated the provisions of this section
227 or the implementing legislation adopted by the general assembly.
228 (6) Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) (a) and (3) (d) of this section, no patient
229 under eighteen years of age shall engage in the medical use of marijuana
230 unless:
231 (a) Two physicians have diagnosed the patient as having a debilitating
232 medical condition;
233 (b) One of the physicians referred to in paragraph (6) (a) has explained the
234 possible risks and benefits of medical use of marijuana to the patient and
235 each of the patient's parents residing in Missouri;

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236 (c) The physicians referred to in paragraph (6) (b) has provided the patient
237 with the written documentation, specified in subparagraph (3) (b) (I);
238 (d) Each of the patient's parents residing in Missouri consent in writing to
239 the state health agency to permit the patient to engage in the medical use
240 of marijuana;
241 (e) A parent residing in Missouri consents in writing to serve as a patient's
242 primary care-giver;
243 (f) A parent serving as a primary care-giver completes and submits an
244 application for a registry identification card as provided in subparagraph (3)
245 (b) of this section and the written consents referred to in paragraph (6) (d)
246 to the state health agency;
247 (g) The state health agency approves the patient's application and transmits
248 the patient's registry identification card to the parent designated as a
249 primary care-giver;
250 (h) The patient and primary care-giver collectively possess amounts of
251 marijuana no greater than those specified in subparagraph (4) (a) (I) and (II);
252 and
253 (i) The primary care-giver controls the acquisition of such marijuana and the
254 dosage and frequency of its use by the patient.
255 (7) Not later than March 1, 2010, the governor shall designate, by executive
256 order, the state health agency as defined in paragraph (1) (g) of this section.
257 (8) Not later than April 30, 2010, the General Assembly shall define such
258 terms and enact such legislation as may be necessary for implementation of
259 this section, as well as determine and enact criminal penalties for:
260 (a) Fraudulent representation of a medical condition by a patient to a
261 physician, state health agency, or state or local law enforcement official for
262 the purpose of falsely obtaining a registry identification card or avoiding
263 arrest and prosecution;
264 (b) Fraudulent use or theft of any person's registry identification card to
265 acquire, possess, produce, use, sell, distribute, or transport marijuana,
266 including but not limited to cards that are required to be returned where
267 patients are no longer diagnosed as having a debilitating medical condition;
268 (c) Fraudulent production or counterfeiting of, or tampering with, one or
269 more registry identification cards; or
270 (d) Breach of confidentiality of information provided to or by the state
271 health agency.
272 (9) Not later than June 1, 2010, the state health agency shall develop and
273 make available to residents of Missouri an application form for persons
274 seeking to be listed on the confidential registry of patients. By such date,
275 the state health agency shall also enact rules of administration, including
276 but not limited to rules governing the establishment and confidentiality of

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277 the registry, the verification of medical information, the issuance and form
278 of registry identification cards, communications with law enforcement
279 officials about registry identification cards that have been suspended where
280 a patient is no longer diagnosed as having a debilitating medical condition,
281 and the manner in which the agency may consider adding debilitating
282 medical conditions to the list provided in this section. Beginning June 1,
283 2001, the state health agency shall accept physician or patient initiated
284 petitions to add debilitating medical conditions to the list provided in this
285 section and, after such hearing as the state health agency deems
286 appropriate, shall approve or deny such petitions within one hundred
287 eighty days of submission. The decision to approve or deny a petition shall
288 be considered a final agency action.
289 (10) (a) No governmental, private, or any other health insurance provider
290 shall be required to be liable for any claim for reimbursement for the
291 medical use of marijuana.
292 (b) Nothing in this section shall require any employer to accommodate the
293 medical use of marijuana in any work place.
294 (11) Unless otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of this section
295 shall become effective upon official declaration of the vote hereon by
296 proclamation of the governor, pursuant to article V, section (1) (4), and shall
297 apply to acts or offenses committed on or after that date.
298 A tax rate on the drug will be set by the Missouri Department of Health and
299 Senior Services, and would be subject to change later on.
300
301 **Effective Date**
302 The act shall take effect on June 1, 2010.
303
304 **Justification**
305 Medical marijuana has been legalized in thirteen states and less less
306 harmful and addictive than some perscription drugs. It is not as harmful as
307 alcohol and the result would be decreased spending by drug enforcing
308 administrations and a large income for the state through taxes.
309
310 **Expected Results**
311 Medical marijuana will bring in large amounts of tax dollars to the state and
312 provide a cure for ailments allowing people to live their lives.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-022

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Haleigh Harper
Delegation:	Pembroke Hill School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to create a Sustainable Jobs Fund Program

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 625 RSMo is amended and a new section is created regarding this
3 program

4
5 **Key Terms**

6 (1) "Sustainable jobs" is defined as jobs created from business strategies
7 and activities that meet the needs of the enterprise and its stakeholders
8 today while protecting and sustaining the human and natural resources that
9 will be needed in the future.

10 (2) "Eligible activity" means any activity which will carry out the dual
11 purposes of creating quality jobs, as defined by the ten year economic
12 development plan adopted by the agency of commerce and community
13 development, and conserving and preserving Missouri's social and natural
14 environment, including activities which will encourage or assist, but are not
15 limited to:

16 (A) the start-up or expansion of the small business and micro-business
17 sector; and

18 (B) existing businesses striving to minimize their impact and waste through
19 environmentally sound products and processes.

20 (3) "Eligible applicant" means any for profit or nonprofit business entity that
21 fulfills the purposes of this chapter.

22
23 **Proposal for Action**

24 (a) There is created a sustainable jobs fund program to create quality jobs
25 that are compatible with Missouri's natural and social environment.

26
27 (b) The Missouri economic development authority shall incorporate a
28 nonprofit corporation to administer the sustainable jobs fund program, and
29 to fulfill the purposes of this chapter by means of loans or grants to eligible
30 applicants for eligible activities, provided that any funds contributed to the

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31 program by the authority under subsection (c) of this section shall be used
32 for lending purposes only.

33
34 (c) The authority may contribute not more than \$1,000,000.00 to the capital
35 of the corporation formed under this section, and the board of directors of
36 the corporation formed under this section shall consist of three members of
37 the authority designated by the authority, the secretary of commerce and
38 community development, and seven members who are not officials or
39 employees of a governmental agency appointed by the governor, with the
40 advice and consent of the senate, for terms of five years, except that the
41 governor shall stagger initial appointments so that the terms of no more
42 than two members expire during a calendar year.

43
44 (d) The Missouri economic development authority may hire or assign a
45 program director to administer, manage, and direct the affairs and business
46 of the board, subject to the policies, control, and direction of the
47 corporation formed under this section.

48
49 (e) Annually, on or before May 30, the sustainable jobs fund program shall
50 submit a grant application and proposed work plan to the secretary of
51 commerce and community development who in consultation with the
52 department of economic development shall review the application to
53 assure that it complements the goals and priorities of the department. The
54 secretary at any time may request the sustainable jobs fund program to
55 submit information that the secretary determines necessary or desirable to
56 consider the annual application, assess the effectiveness of the grant, or
57 carry out the purposes of this chapter.

58
59 **Effective Date**

60 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010

61
62 **Justification**

63 The general assembly finds that Missouri's economic prosperity depends on
64 the establishment and achievement of the following policies and goals:

65
66 (1) The dual goals of creating quality jobs and conserving and protecting
67 Missouri's social and natural environments are of primary importance to
68 economic vitality and the quality of life of Missouri.

69
70 (2) The idea of combining the dual goals of economic vitality and
71 environmental quality is known as sustainable economic development.

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73 (3) Sustainable economic development is a growing national and
74 international public policy trend for the investment of private and
75 governmental funds.
76
77 (4) The goal of quality job creation as part of the state's economic
78 development policy is dependent on providing support for the start-up and
79 expansion of small businesses and micro-business sectors of our economy.
80
81 (5) The goal of creating quality jobs or family wage jobs is in part dependent
82 upon nurturing businesses in growing sectors of the national and
83 international economy, including companies involved with:
84 environmental technologies; environmental equipment and services;
85 energy efficiency; renewable energy; pollution abatement; specialty foods;
86 water and wastewater systems; solid waste and recycling technologies;
87 sustainable agriculture; and existing businesses, including larger
88 manufacturing firms, striving to minimize their impact and waste through
89 environmentally sound products and processes.
90
91 (6) The goal of creating quality jobs by nurturing the businesses listed in
92 subdivision (5) of this subsection is consistent with the goal of protecting
93 our natural and social environments, and with the goal of positioning the
94 state as a primary sustainable economic development educational center.
95
96 **Expected Results**
97 Support for sustainable economic development includes the need to
98 provide:
99
100 (A) Increased financial resources to fund existing programs for the start-up
101 and expansion of small businesses, including revolving loan programs, peer
102 lending programs, technical assistance programs and marketing programs.
103
104 (B) Capital access to those businesses too large or too small to obtain funds
105 from existing programs.
106
107 (C) An organization designed to coordinate the leveraging of federal, state,
108 local and private resources and to stimulate the development of public-
109 private partnerships.
110

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111 (D) An increased array of economic development tools, including flexible
112 manufacturing networks, sectoral development and product development
113 funds.
114
115 (E) Professional evaluation and accountability of funded economic
116 development activities.
117
118 (F) Coordination between the state's economic development and
119 environmental protection policies.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-023

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Levi Long
Delegation:	Harrisonville High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act for the right to hunt on your own property out of season without the need for hunting tabs.

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31 Expected Results

32 This bill empowers the land owner with the means to feed their family. It
33 also reduces the amount of people in rural areas that rely on state aid
34 (Family Services) for supplemental food programs. The need for non-profit
35 organizations to be involved in feeding the hungry would be reduced.
36 Building self-esteem by affording the opportunity for a family to provide for
37 themselves will increase their ability to become productive citizens.

1 RSMo

2 Chapter 252.040, RSMo, is amended and a new section created to allow
3 property owners to hunt freely on their own land.

4

5 Key Terms

6 "Game" all animals listed in Missouri's conservation code that are legal to
7 be hunted.

8

9 Proposal for Action

10 All land owners with five or more acres have the constitutional right to hunt
11 for game on their own property without tags and without the necessity of
12 following regulated seasons. Limits will be set at 1 large game animal
13 and/or 10 small games animals per month. All game must be for personal
14 consumption or given to a charitable organization. This will be regulated by
15 the Department of Missouri Conservation. Agents will have the right to
16 periodically check the landowner's records where an up to date log of all
17 game killed, reason for death, and time of death must be accurately noted.
18 Inability to present log results in immediate expulsion of the benefits to
19 hunt on personal property.

20

21 Effective Date

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

23

24 Justification

25 Given the right to hunt on their own property, would reduce the number
26 Missouri citizens that pouch during the off season. It would also reduce the
27 expense incurred by the Missouri Conservation Department in anti-
28 poaching enforcement. With the limits set by this bill, the population of
29 Missouri's wildlife game would be controlled and monitored, which helps
30 the game have more natural food supply and protection.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-024

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Jennifer Mahan
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Amend Anti-Discrimination Employment Law

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 290, RSMo, is amended and a new section, 290.146, is created
3 regarding employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.
4
5 **Key Terms**
6 (1) "Commission" shall be defined as in section 290.400, specifying the
7 labor and industrial relations commission of Missouri
8 (2) "Sexual orientation" shall be defined as an individual's actual or
9 perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity,
10 regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance,
11 expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated with the
12 individual's sex at birth.
13 (3) "Employee" shall as defined as in 290.400, including every woman, man,
14 or individual in receipt of or entitled to compensation for labor performed
15 for any employer.
16 (4) "Employer", every person, firm, corporation, agent, manager,
17 representative, contractor, subcontractor, principal or other person having
18 control or direction of any employee at any labor, or responsible directly or
19 indirectly for the wages of another. In accordance with the Civil Rights Act
20 of 1964, an employer must have fifteen or more employees at labor under
21 his or her control.
22
23 **Proposal for Action**
24 A) It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer—
25 (1) to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to
26 discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms,
27 conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's sexual
28 orientation or
29 (2) to limit, segregate, or classify his employees or applicants for
30 employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any

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31 individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his
32 status as an employee, because of such individual's sexual orientation.
33
34 B) Any employer that fails to meet the requirements provided in this
35 legislation shall be subject to a punishment and fine deemed appropriate by
36 the Commission.
37 Effective date: This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2010.
38
39 **Effective Date**
40 This act shall take effect on June 1, 2010.
41
42 **Justification**
43 Under current federal statutes, the Civil Rights Act outlaws discrimination of
44 employees based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Thus, the
45 state of Missouri is subject to this mandate. Sexual orientation is not
46 explicitly stated in the act, however the Office of Personal Management has
47 interpreted the act to include such discrimination. To eliminate ambiguity
48 and maximize fairness in the workplace, this amendment is necessary in
49 Missouri law.
50
51 **Expected Results**
52 Citizens of every sexual orientation will feel confident in knowing that each
53 person has an equal opportunity in the force place.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE: # S-025

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Michael Meyer
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend RSMo sections 571.101 to 571.121 to make the possession of concealed weapons illegal.

1 **RSMo**
2 571.101 to 571.101

3
4 **Key Terms**
5 "Concealable firearm", as defined in Section 517.010, any firearm with a
6 barrel less than sixteen inches in length, measured from the face of the bolt
7 or standing breech;

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9 "Concealed firearm" any concealable weapon on a person that is not easily
10 and plainly visible or is attempting to be concealed by the possessor or any
11 concealable weapon in a vehicle that is not easily and plainly visible or is
12 attempting to be concealed by the possessor;

13
14 "Peace officer," as defined in Section 590.010, a law enforcement officer of
15 the state or any political subdivision of the state with the power of arrest
16 for a violation of the criminal code or declared or deemed to be a peace
17 officer by state statute.

18
19 **Proposal for Action**
20 This amendment would remove RSMo 571.101 to 571.121 regarding the
21 possession of concealed firearms.

22
23 It will then add section 571.101 that states:
24 "The possession of a concealed firearm will result in a fine of no less than
25 \$300 and no more than \$800 upon the first offense. Upon the second
26 offense the violator will be subject to a fine no less than \$350 and no more
27 that \$850 as well as community service of four to six hours and up to one
28 month imprisonment. Upon the third and all subsequent offenses the
29 violator shall face a fine no less than \$500 and no more than \$1,000 and a
30 minimum of one week imprisonment with a maximum of 3 month, with the

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31 maximum imprisonment increasing by on month upon each subsequent
32 offense.

33
34 All current endorsements approved by the state of Missouri are revoked
35 upon passage of this bill. Only concealed firearm permits or endorsements
36 issued by another state of the United States will be recognized by the state
37 of Missouri if the possessor is not in the state of Missouri for more than five
38 days."

39
40 **Effective Date**
41 August 28,2010

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43 **Justification**
44 People have the right to know who around them is carrying a firearm. Also,
45 if you are going to carry a firearm you should also be responsible enough to
46 make others around you of the firearm you are carrying.

47
48 **Expected Results**
49 There will practically be no more concealed weapons in our state that are
50 not held by a peace officer. This will make Missouri safer and will allow
51 people to know who around them is carrying a firearm.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-026 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Carley Morrison
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to allow minors the right to an abortion without the informed written consent of a parent or guardian.

1 **RSMo**
2 Section 188-028 RSMo is amended.
3 Line 1 of this section shall read: No person shall knowingly perform an
4 abortion upon a pregnant woman under the age of fifteen years unless:
5 **Key Terms**
6 For the purpose of this bill the term minor will be defined as a person under
7 the age of 15 years.
8
9 **Proposal for Action**
10 Minors in the state of Missouri will have the right to an abortion without
11 the written consent of a parent or guardian.
12
13 **Effective Date**
14 The act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
15
16 **Justification**
17 A teenager over the age of 14 should be allowed the right to have an
18 abortion without the consent of a parent or guardian. In many instances it
19 is very difficult for a young person to tell their parent or guardian that they
20 are pregnant. It can often be dramatic for the family and the teenager. This
21 step in the process to getting an abortion is often unnecessary for many
22 teenagers over the age of 14. Allowing teenagers over the age of 14 the
23 option to get an abortion without parental consent is more logical than
24 having to be 18 years of age to get an abortion without consent.
25 **Expected Results**
26 Teenagers over the age of 14 will have an easier time getting an abortion if
27 they have to desire to do so. This will make the process of getting an
28 abortion more simple for a person over the age of 14 and possibly less
29 dramatic for the teenager. Also it will lower the amount of teenage mothers
30 in the state of Missouri.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-027 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	William Sharp
Delegation:	Pembroke Hill School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act To Prohibit Lawsuits For Injuries Received While Forcibly Entering a Residence or Trespassing upon Privately Owned Property.

1 **RSMo**
2 None
3
4 **Key Terms**
5 Injuries Received: In the case of this law, it will be include only injuries
6 inflicted upon one's self intentionally or accidentally.
7 Forcibly Entering: Breaking the plane of a privately owned residence
8 without permission of the owner using any means necessary.
9 Residence: A privately owned dwelling.
10 Trespassing: A wrongful entry upon the lands owned by someone else.
11 Privately Owned Property: Land owned by a corporation, business, or other
12 such company.
13
14 **Proposal for Action**
15 Deny all future lawsuits based on injuries inflicted while forcibly entering or
16 trespassing, and decriminalize owning property on which someone hurt him
17 or herself.
18
19 **Effective Date**
20 January 1, 2010.
21
22 **Justification**
23 These sorts of lawsuits are unjust and prove the justice system is
24 unreasonable. For a homeowner to be sued because another person was
25 irresponsible while in the defendants home is ridiculous. Furthermore, to
26 injury one's self purposefully on another's property and then suing is
27 amoral and equivalent to theft.
28
29

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30 **Expected Results**

31 To eliminate lawsuits of self inflicted injury while on someone else's
32 property. This bill will be especially important to railroad companies that
33 have had homeless people trespass onto the railway, get injured, and sue.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-028	
RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Maddie Smith
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend chapter 205, RSMo, by adding one new section requiring drug testing for people financially supported by the government.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 205, RSMo, is amended by adding one new section, to be known as
3 section 205.850, to read as follows:

4

5 205.850

6 1.This section shall be known and cited as the "Welfare Drug Testing Act"

7

8 **Key Terms**

9 "Drug Test" is defined as a urine sample that will be tested for cocaine,
10 marijuana, amphetamines, and methamphetamines.

11 "Welfare boards" is defined as in Chapter 205, RSMo.

12

13 **Proposal for Action**

14 Welfare boards will submit drug tests as part of an annual report to the
15 state. Costs and materials needed will be covered by the Department of
16 Social Services. County welfare boards are responsible for reporting drug
17 test results for every individual receiving financial support. Failing to report
18 will result in a fine set by the Department of Social Services. If an individual
19 tests positive for drugs, they will be suspended from financial support for
20 six (6) months. To continue receiving money from the state, an individual
21 must test negative on another drug test.

22

23 **Effective Date**

24 This bill will go into effect in August 28, 2010.

25

26 **Justification**

27 Millions of dollars every year are given to people that require financial aid
28 from the government. Testing individuals for drugs prevents money

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29 intended for good from being used for illegal activity. This is one way to
30 help eliminate government money from going to waste.

31
32 **Expected Results**

33 Government money will be used for what it is intended for. Individuals
34 using government money will benefit from the security. Missouri residents
35 will know government money is being used for good purposes.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-029	
RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Jonathan Snowden
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to eliminate all plastic shopping bags from Missouri supermarkets and retail stores.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 625, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created eliminating
3 the usage of plastic shopping bags in Missouri supermarkets and retail
4 stores.

5

6 **Key Terms**

7 "Supermarket" is any store that sells food items to the public.

8 "Retail Store" is a business engaged in the sale of retail goods.

9 "Surcharge" is an additional charge or cost.

10 "Shopping Bag" is a bag used for the purpose of carrying purchased items
11 out of a store.

12

13 **Proposal for Action**

14 Under the direction of the Division of Commerce and Industrial
15 Development, Missouri supermarkets and retail stores will implement a
16 three-year phase-out of the usage of all plastic bags and make the switch to
17 re-usable shopping bags.

18

19 During the first year of the phase-out program, customers will be assessed a
20 surcharge of five cents (\$0.05) per plastic bag used. Two cents (\$0.02) per
21 bag will be retained by the store and three cents (\$0.03) per bag will be
22 distributed to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to aid in the
23 cleanup of problems created from years of plastic bag usage. Supermarkets
24 and retail stores will be encouraged to use some of the surcharge money to
25 promote awareness of the environmental concerns of plastic bag usage.

26

27 During year two of the phase-out program, customers will be assessed a
28 surcharge of ten cents (\$0.10) per plastic bag used. Two cents (\$0.02) per
29 bag will be retained by the store and eight cents (\$0.08) per bag will be
30 distributed to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to aid in the

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31 cleanup of problems created from years of plastic bag usage. Supermarkets
32 and retail stores will be encouraged to use some of the surcharge money to
33 promote awareness of the environmental concerns of plastic bag usage.
34

35 During year three, no supermarket or retail store will be permitted to use
36 plastic bags. Consumers will either provide their own reusable bags or
37 purchase, for a minimal cost, reusable shopping bags.
38

Effective Date

39 This act shall take effect on April 25, 2010 to coincide with the global
40 celebration of Earth Day.
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42

Justification

43 The issue of eliminating plastic bags from use in Missouri is a concern for all
44 people—whether they realize it or not. Here are the facts:
45

- 46 - According to the Environmental Protection Agency, 380 billion
47 plastic bags and sacks are used each year.
- 48 - Americans throw away 100 billion plastic bags annually, an
49 estimated cost to retailers of \$4 billion.
- 50 - Plastic bags are petroleum based and it takes 400,000 gallons of
51 crude oil to produce 100 million plastic bags.
- 52 - Plastic bags are photodegradable and not biodegradable. This
53 means that they do not decompose but rather breakdown into smaller toxic
54 bits. In the process, they contaminate soil and waterways. Polymers of
55 literally every bag produced still exist somewhere today. These can be
56 accidentally ingested by many animals, end up in the food chain, and later
57 be eaten by humans.
- 58 - Millions of plastic bags find their way into Missouri landfills yearly.
- 59 - Hundreds of thousands of animals die every year from eating
60 plastic bags mistaken for food.

Expected Results

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- 62
- 63 Raise global consciousness and environmental awareness of Missourians.
- 64 Decrease the levels of contamination of Missouri fields and waterways.
- 65 Significantly reduce the amount of solid waste currently going into landfills.
- 66 Play a part in reducing the US dependence upon foreign oil.
- 67

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-030	
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Louis Blanc
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend section 173.250 RSMo, by increasing the amount of the scholarship awarded by the program commonly known as Bright Flight.

1 **RSMo**
2 173.25
3

4 **Key Terms**
5 "Bright Flight," The common name for the "Higher Education Academic
6 Scholarship Program" created by section 173.250 RSMo.
7

8 **Proposal for Action**
9 Be it enacted by the general legislature of the state of Missouri:

10
11 173.250. 1. There is hereby established a "Higher Education Academic
12 Scholarship Program" and any moneys appropriated by the general
13 assembly for this program shall be used to provide scholarships for Missouri
14 citizens to attend a Missouri college or university of their choice pursuant to
15 the provisions of this section.

16
17 2. The definitions of terms set forth in section 173.205* shall be applicable
18 to such terms as used in this section. The term "academic scholarship"
19 means an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a qualified
20 college or university student who has demonstrated superior academic
21 achievement pursuant to the provisions of this section.
22

23 3. The coordinating board for higher education shall be the administrative
24 agency for the implementation of the program established by this section,
25 and shall:
26

27 (1) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the exercise of its
28 functions and the effectuation of the purposes of this section, including
29 regulations for

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30 granting scholarship deferments;
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 32 (2) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding academic
 33 scholarships, and shall supervise the processing thereof; and
 34
 35 (3) Select qualified recipients to receive academic scholarships, make such
 36 awards of academic scholarships to qualified recipients and determine the
 37 manner and method of payment to the recipient.
 38
 39 4. A student shall be eligible for initial or renewed academic scholarship if
 40 he or she is in compliance with the eligibility requirements set forth in
 41 section 173.215* excluding the requirement of financial need and
 42 undergraduate status, and in addition meets the following requirements:
 43
 44 (1) Initial academic scholarships shall be offered in the academic year
 45 immediately following graduation from high school to Missouri high school
 46 seniors whose composite scores on the American College Testing Program
 47 (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board are in the
 48 top five percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school
 49 year in which the scholarship recipients graduate from high school. In the
 50 freshman year of college, scholarship recipients are required to maintain
 51 status as a full-time student;
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 53 (2) Academic scholarships are renewable if the recipient remains in
 54 compliance with the applicable provisions of section 173.215* and the
 55 recipient makes satisfactory academic degree progress as a full-time
 56 student.
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 58 5. A student who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as a
 59 postsecondary student at an approved private or public institution
 60 beginning with the fall 1987, term and who meets the other eligibility
 61 requirements for an academic scholarship shall, within the limits of the
 62 funds appropriated and made available, be offered an academic scholarship
 63 in the amount of two thousand dollars for each eligible student whose
 64 composite scores on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the
 65 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board are in the top three
 66 percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school year in
 67 which the scholarship recipients graduate from high school for each fiscal
 68 year prior to fiscal year 2011, and, subject to appropriations, [three] seven
 69 thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011 and every fiscal year thereafter, and
 70 one thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011 and every fiscal year thereafter for

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71 each eligible student whose composite scores on the American College
 72 Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College
 73 Board are between the top five and three percent of all Missouri students
 74 taking those tests during the school year in which the scholarship recipients
 75 graduate from high school, for the first academic year of study, which
 76 scholarship shall be renewable in the amount of two thousand dollars for
 77 each eligible student whose composite scores on the American College
 78 Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College
 79 Board are in the top three percent of all Missouri students taking those
 80 tests during the school year in which the scholarship recipients graduate
 81 from high school for each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2011, and, subject
 82 to appropriations, [three] seven thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011 and
 83 every fiscal year thereafter, and one thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011
 84 and every fiscal year thereafter for each eligible student whose composite
 85 scores on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic
 86 Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board are between the top five and three
 87 percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school year in
 88 which the scholarship recipients graduate from high school, annually for the
 89 second, third and fourth academic years or as long as the recipient is in
 90 compliance with the applicable eligibility requirements set forth in section
 91 173.215*, provided those years of study are continuous and the student
 92 continues to meet eligibility requirements for the scholarship; provided,
 93 however, if a recipient ceases all attendance at an approved public or
 94 private institution for the purpose of providing service to a nonprofit
 95 organization, a state or federal government agency or any branch of the
 96 armed forces of the United States, the recipient shall be eligible for a
 97 renewal scholarship upon return to any approved public or private
 98 institution, provided the recipient:
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 100 (1) Returns to full-time status within twenty-seven months;
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 102 (2) Provides verification in compliance with coordinating board for higher
 103 education rules that the service to the nonprofit organization was
 104 satisfactorily completed and was not compensated other than for expenses
 105 or that the service to the state or federal governmental agency or branch of
 106 the armed forces of the United States was satisfactorily completed; and
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 108 (3) Meets all other requirements established for eligibility to receive a
 109 renewal scholarship.
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111 6. A recipient of academic scholarship awarded under this section may
112 transfer from one approved Missouri public or private institution to another
113 without losing eligibility for the scholarship. If a recipient of the scholarship
114 at any time withdraws from an approved private or public institution so that
115 under the rules and regulations of that institution he or she is entitled to a
116 refund of any tuition, fees or other charges, the institution shall pay the
117 portion of the refund attributable to the scholarship for that term to the
118 coordinating board for higher education.

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120 7. Other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, if a
121 recipient has been awarded an initial academic scholarship pursuant to the
122 provisions of this section but is unable to use the scholarship during the first
123 academic year because of illness, disability, pregnancy or other medical
124 need or if a recipient ceases all attendance at an approved public or private
125 institution because of illness, disability, pregnancy or other medical need,
126 the recipient shall be eligible for an initial or renewal scholarship upon
127 enrollment in or return to any approved public or private institution,
128 provided the recipient:

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130 (1) Enrolls in or returns to full-time status within twenty-seven months;

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132 (2) Provides verification in compliance with coordinating board for higher
133 education rules of sufficient medical evidence documenting an illness,
134 disability, pregnancy or other medical need of such person to require that
135 that person will not be able to use the initial or renewal scholarship during
136 the time period for which it was originally offered; and

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138 (3) Meets all other requirements established for eligibility to receive an
139 initial or a renewal scholarship.

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141 8. Additional funding shall be provided by a 2% tax on Internet Retail sales
142 in the state of Missouri. The earnings from the aforementioned tax shall
143 only be appropriated to the Higher Education Academic Scholarship
144 Program created by this bill.

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146 **Effective Date**

147 Fiscal year 2011.

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149 **Justification**

150 When it was passed in 1986 the purpose of the Bright Flight bill was to
151 cover the cost of tuition at Missouri's State College, the University of

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152 Missouri-Columbia, in order to keep Missouri's brightest students from
153 leaving the state. In 1987, the first year the bill granted the scholarship, the
154 cost of tuition at the University of Missouri-Columbia, was just under
155 \$2000. While the rise in the cost of tuition has greatly outpaced the rate of
156 inflation since then, the monies awarded by bright flight have not been
157 increased significantly. Today, the cost of tuition at the University of
158 Missouri-Columbia is around \$7000 dollars, nowhere near the scholarship
159 currently given by Bright Flight. The bill in its current form has become
160 outmoded and amending it would allow it to once again fulfill its original
161 purpose.

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163 **Expected Results**

164 Keep Missouri's brightest students from leaving Missouri.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-031 TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Alex Eschmann
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Construct Bicycle Lanes in City Roads.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 233, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding bike
3 lanes.
4 **Key Terms**
5 "Highway's" are roads that connect cities in which the speed of traffic is to
6 fast for a bicycle.
7 "Residential Road's" are roads where there are only houses on the side of
8 the road.
9 "City Road's" are any roads located inside of a city.
10 "Bicycles" are vehicles with two wheels tandem, handlebars for steering, a
11 saddle seat, and pedals by which it is propelled.
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13 **Proposal for Action**
14 All city roads that are not highways and not residential roads will have an
15 extra lane on each side added for the use of bicycles. The lanes will be for
16 the use of any person on a non-motorized bicycle wishing to ride on the
17 road.
18
19 **Effective Date**
20 The construction of these bike lanes will begin on June 1, 2010.
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22 **Justification**
23 Riding a bicycle on a city road can be potentially fatal to the rider if a car
24 could not see it or if the rider could not see a car next to or behind them.
25 This will make it so that bicyclists will be made safer by having their own
26 lane to ride in.
27
28 **Expected Results**
29 The roads will be much safer for bicycle riders and those driving on the
30 roads. It will decrease the chance of a bicycle rider getting seriously injured
31 or killed while riding on the road.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-032 TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Daniel Evans
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act To Mandate That All Colleges Funded By The State Will Require No Tuition Fee To Be Paid By In State Residents

1 **RSMo**
2 178.970.1
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4 **Key Terms**
5 For the purposes of this section "mandate" shall mean require, "colleges
6 funded by the state" shall refer to any college that is partially funded by the
7 State of Missouri. "Tuition fee" shall refer to any charge that a school
8 requires of a student upon admittance, "in state residents" shall refer to
9 any person who has proof of residency in the state of Missouri and pays
10 Missouri taxes.
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12 **Proposal for Action**
13 The institution of a law to force all state schools to allow in-state residents
14 to have free state education. This will allow students who could go to
15 college but would not be able to because of their financial status. This bill, if
16 passed would allow people to have a good state-funded education and
17 would allow them to get jobs they would not otherwise be allowed to have.
18 The state will also fund the education of more people and will therefore
19 show more of what Missouri residents can really do when given the ability
20 to attend school.
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22 **Effective Date**
23 The act shall take effect on December 21, 2012.
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25 **Justification**
26 It will give people the freedom to go to state funded schools. It will also
27 allow people to give the state more money for education. It will also
28 increase the population of Missouri and therefore tax revenue.
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30 **Expected Results**

31 More people will be allowed to attend state funded colleges. It will also
32 increase the amount of in state residents and therefore increase taxes given
33 to the state. More people will be in state funded schools and will have a
34 good education.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-033	
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Korey Haug
Delegation:	Pembroke Hill School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Require Traffic Lights to Flash Green Before Turning Yellow

1 **RSMo**

2 Add Section to RSMO Missouri Statutes Chapter 304 regarding traffic
3 regulations.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 Traffic Light/Signal- a set of automatically operated colored lights, typically
7 red, amber, and green, for controlling traffic at road junctions and
8 crosswalks.

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10 **Proposal for Action**

11 With ratification of this bill, all stop lights in the state of Missouri will be
12 reprogrammed to flash green three times over a period of three seconds
13 before switching to yellow (amber). The Missouri Department of
14 Transportation (MoDOT) will be responsible for reprogramming the
15 sequence before the effective date.

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17 **Effective Date**

18 This bill will take effect August 28, 2010

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21 **Justification**

22 Traffic lights are a major source of all accidents, especially accidents
23 resulting from 'running' a red light. This bill will allow for a greater reaction
24 and action time for all drivers. A person will have an additional three
25 seconds to decide if he or she is going to proceed through the intersection
26 or hold on the yellow light. This bill will help all drivers cope with the stress
27 of approaching an intersection with hesitation and indecision. All European
28 countries use this system, so it has been implemented successfully.

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31 **Expected Results**

32 With the passage of this bill, people will have more time to make the
33 decision of whether to proceed through an intersection or stop. This should
34 reduce the number of accidents resulting in trying to beat red lights as well
35 as rear end accidents from a driver braking too quickly on yellow.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE: # S-034 TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Rebecca Silverstein
Delegation:	Pembroke Hill School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend chapter RSMo 304 by adding thereto one new section relating to the use of electronic wireless telecommunication devices while operating a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state, with penalty provisions.

1 **RSMo**

2 304

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4 **Key Terms**

5 1. As used in this section, "electronic message" means a self- contained
6 piece of digital communication that is designed or intended to be
7 transmitted between electronic wireless communication devices.
8 "Electronic message" includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, a text
9 message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an
10 Internet site.

11 2. As used in this section, "electronic wireless communications device"
12 includes any cellular phone, palm pilot, blackberry, or other mobile
13 electronic device used to communicate verbally or by text or electronic
14 messaging, but shall not include any built-in navigational or emergency road
15 service assistance system.

16 3. As used in this section, "making or taking part in a telephone call" means
17 listening to or engaging in verbal communication through an electronic
18 wireless communication device.

19 4. As used in this section, "send, read, or write a text message or electronic
20 message" means using an electronic wireless telecommunications device to
21 manually communicate with any person by using an electronic message.
22 Sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic message does not
23 include reading, selecting, or entering a phone number or name into an
24 electronic wireless communications device for the purpose of making a
25 telephone call.

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28 **Proposal for Action**

29 Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, no person operating a
30 moving motor vehicle upon the highways of this state shall, by means of an
31 electronic wireless communications device, send, read, or write a text
32 message or electronic message.

33 The provisions of subsection 5 1 of this section shall not apply to a person
34 operating:

- 35 (1) An authorized emergency vehicle; or
- 36 (2) A moving motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless
37 communications device to:

- 38 (a) Report illegal activity;
- 39 (b) Summon medical or other emergency help;
- 40 (c) Prevent injury to a person or property; or
- 41 (d) Relay information between a transit or for-hire operator and that
42 operator's dispatcher, in which the device is permanently affixed to the
43 vehicle.

44 Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting a
45 person from making or taking part in a telephone call, by means of an
46 electronic wireless communications device, while operating a motor vehicle
47 upon the highways of this state.

48 A violation of this section shall be deemed a class C misdemeanor and shall
49 be deemed a moving violation for purposes of point assessment under
50 section 302.302, RSMo.

51 The state preempts the field of regulating the use of electronic wireless
52 communications devices in motor vehicles, and the provisions of this
53 section shall supercede any local laws, ordinances, orders, rules, or
54 regulations enacted by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision
55 to regulate the use of electronic wireless communication devices by the
56 operator of a motor vehicle.

57 **Effective Date**

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

59 **Justification**

60 Texting while driving is dangerous not only to the vehicle operator, but also
61 to other drivers on the road and should be prohibited, regardless of age.

62 **Expected Results**

63 Safer roads.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-035	
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Lucas Sparks
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act relating to license plate-obscuring anti traffic camera products.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 301, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding anti
3 traffic camera products.

4 **Key Terms**

5 "Obscure" is defined as rendering something indistinguishable or faintly
6 perceptible.

7 "Anti traffic camera products" are defined as items for sale with the
8 purpose of making a license plate hard to see in a traffic camera photo.

9 "Traffic Cameras" shall be defined as any device installed along roadways
10 with the purpose of catching motorists in the act of violating traffic laws by
11 taking a photo of their license plate.

12 **Proposal for Action**

13 I. All anti traffic camera products which obscure a motorist's license plate by
14 way of a cover, tinting, spray, or other method shall be deemed illegal.
15 Motorists will be prohibited from using these products on any motor
16 vehicle that is required to display a license plate. Companies who
17 manufacture or distribute said products must stop doing so in the State of
18 Missouri.

19 II. Companies who distribute anti traffic camera products on the internet
20 must inform customers that they are prohibited from purchasing or using
21 the product in the State of Missouri.

22 III. Companies who continue distributing anti traffic camera products shall
23 be subject to a fine of \$5,000 on the first offense and \$10,000 for each
24 subsequent offense. Motorists caught using an anti traffic camera product
25 shall be fined \$200 on the first offense and \$400 for each subsequent
26 offense.

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Effective Date

The act shall take effect on June 1, 2010.

Justification

Companies are profiting from the sales of anti traffic camera products that exist solely to allow motorists to avoid being caught by traffic camera photos of their license plates. These cameras are meant to keep people from violating certain traffic laws, including running red lights, which cause numerous accidents on a daily basis. The proliferation of anti traffic camera products defies the purpose of the traffic cameras, thus these products should be prohibited.

Expected Results

The traffic camera program will be able to completely fulfill its initial purpose of keeping Missouri's roadways safer.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-036	
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Julie Stratmann
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	To Prohibit drivers of any type of public transportation from texting while operating the transportation

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To amend chapter 304 to add a section that reads as follows:

Key Terms

As used in this section, the following terms mean:
"Public Transportation," various forms of shared-ride services, including buses, vans, trolleys, and subways, which are intended for conveying the public.
"Public Transportation driver," the operator of the public transportation
"Texting," a colloquial term referring to the exchange of brief written messages between mobile phones, over cellular networks.
"While operating" means while their are passengers on the transportation of the transportation is moving.

Proposal for Action

No person in operation of any form of public transportation will be allowed to use their cell phones to write text messages. Texting while operating the transportation could put the lives of everyone on and around the transportation at risk. Texting is an issue for the operators because they will not be paying attention to the road, the surrounding, or the safety devices placed neared the road, such as warning signs or stop signs.
If an operator is even suspected of texting while operating any form of public transportation they will be subject to getting their phone records analyzed to see if the times of their texts match up with the times of which they were operating the transportation. If these records are show that the times match u and they operator was texting while operating the transportation, or the operator is caught texting while operating the transportation they will automatically lose their jobs and they will lose their license.
The department of transportation shall oversee this act.

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31 This bill would require no funding.

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33 **Effective Date**

34 The act shall take effect on August 28, 2010.

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36 **Justification**

37 Motorists who text message while driving are six times more likely to be
38 distracted and have an accident. When a driver texts, driving patterns
39 change. For example, the response time to brake is 23 percent slower —
40 1.077 seconds when texting and driving compared with 0.881 seconds
41 when unencumbered.

42 The Transportation Department reported that nearly 6,000 people were
43 killed and a half-million were injured last year in vehicle crashes connected
44 to driver distraction, often by mobile devices and cell phones.

45 People who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to be
46 in a crash (or what they call a near-crash event) than nondistracted drivers.

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48 **Expected Results**

49 The passage of this bill will reduce the chance of accidents involving forms
50 of public transportation, which will keep the lives of many citizens much
51 safer.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-037	
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Brad Tucker
Delegation:	Parkway South High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to ensure the safety of motorists and bicyclists alike, by imposing stricter penalties for violations of traffic ordinances by bicyclists or motor bicyclists

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 307.193, RSMo, is amended to incorporate stricter punishment for
3 violation of traffic ordinances by bicyclists or motor bicyclists.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 For the purpose of this bill, the term "bicycle" is defined in section 307.180
7 RSMo as any vehicle propelled solely by human power on two wheels of
8 fourteen inch diameter or greater. "Motorized bicycle", is defined in section
9 307.180, RSMo, and it shall refer to any two or three wheeled device that
10 does not exceed thirty miles per hour or have a motor with a cylinder
11 capacity that exceeds fifty cubic centimeters. "Traffic regulation" shall be
12 defined as any law or regulation that applies to all bicycles and motorized
13 vehicles alike, as defined in chapter 304, RSMo.

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15 **Proposal for Action**

16 The punishment for violation of any provisions in sections 307.180 to
17 307.193 RSMo by bicyclists or motor bicyclists, which include traffic
18 regulations established in chapter 304 RSMo, shall be a fine of no less than
19 seventy-five dollars nor more than two-hundred fifty dollars. This amends
20 the current section 307.193 RSMo to raise the minimum fine by seventy
21 dollars and the maximum fine by two hundred twenty five dollars. These
22 fines are assessed when either a bicyclist or motor bicyclist are in violation
23 of the traffic regulations established in chapter 304 RSMo. A police or other
24 peace-keeping officer shall determine if a violation has occurred, and issue
25 the proper citation.

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27 **Effective Date**

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

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30 **Justification**

31 As both motor vehicles and bicycles are expected to share the road, they
32 are also both expected to follow the laws of the road. Since the operators
33 of motor vehicles currently face substantial penalties for violation of traffic
34 regulations in the form of fines and tickets. Therefore, it is only fair that
35 bicyclists face similar penalties for violations on their behalf. The current
36 punishment for violations by bicyclists are not enough of a deterrent to
37 prevent future offenses. This increased punishment will cause bicyclists to
38 more closely follow the laws, thus improving the overall safety of the roads.
39 Bicyclists can cause just as much harm as motor vehicles on the road, so
40 they need to be punished with similar fines. Overall, this bill is necessary to
41 protect the rights of operators of motor vehicles and bicycles alike.

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43 **Expected Results**

44 This bill will make for safer roads, as violating regulations will result in more
45 severe penalties. The number of bicycle crashes will decrease as well, and
46 both motor vehicle operators and bicyclists will feel confident regarding
47 safety on the road with one another, seeing as they both have equal access
48 to the road and, with this bill, equal punishment for violations of
49 regulations. Overall, the safety of Missouri road-users will increase as the
50 number of crashes related with bicycles will decrease.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-038	
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Win Szeto
Delegation:	Lee's Summit North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act To All Post-Secondary Schools to Install An Emergency Notification System For Students Living On Or Off Campus In the State of Missouri

1 **RSMo**

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4 **Key Terms**

5 For the purpose of this section, the terms "student" shall refer to a person
6 formally engaged in learning or one enrolled in a school or college, "post-
7 secondary school" shall refer to a public or private two-year or four-year
8 institution supported by the state, "information" shall refer to private and
9 school e-mail, phone numbers, and a the best method of contact from a list
10 from one to three; "emergency notification system" shall refer to several
11 methods of information delivery in a campus emergency: homepage,
12 broadcast e-mails to all .edu accounts, electronic message boards in
13 classrooms, the weather/emergency hotline, campus sirens and
14 loudspeakers, the university switchboard, phone alerts, and desktop alerts;
15 "Mass text messaging server" shall refer to software that allows for one to
16 compose and send unlimited customized text messages instantly to a list of
17 selective contacts numbers, individuals, group, or a mass of numbers from
18 pc to mobile phones for alerts, "emergency announcements" shall refer to
19 the type of emergency, action to take, location of, personnel involved, and
20 duration of event; "weather alert" shall refer to school cancellations and
21 advised action for extreme weather.

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23 **Proposal for Action**

24 All students attending post-secondary schools in the state of Missouri shall
25 be required to provide information upon their time of enrollment to their
26 administration for the emergency notification system. All post-secondary
27 schools must install an alert system within six months and this system will
28 include a mass text messaging server. This server will allow for emergency

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29 announcements and weather alerts only administered by administrators of
30 the individual school.

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32 All legal limits and funding for the system shall be restricted to only post-
33 secondary schools considered by the Department of Education of the State
34 of Missouri. Individual school administrators will issue announcements. The
35 funding of this program shall be provided by the raised increase of tax on
36 beer by .1 and a one time fee of five dollars from each enrolled student. The
37 excess money will go back into the school system.

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39 **Effective Date**
40 This bill shall take effect on August 28, 2010. Purchasing of system must
41 occur within six months of passage. If not resulting in action a school will be
42 fined \$1,000 after the first offense with a warning. A failure to do so the
43 second time, the school w

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45 **Justification**
46 Many school shootings have occurred over the years, at least 16 or more
47 since 1966. Some of them well know because of the shear numbers killed
48 and some small. Neither the least all students should be aware of what is
49 happening around them. They should be able to receive instructions easily
50 about what action should be taken. The emergency notification system will
51 allow for other emergency notifications too like kidnappings or rapings on
52 school or near school grounds.

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54 **Expected Results**
55 This emergency notification system will provide a direct pathway from
56 adminisrtators to students without disruption. Students will be able to
57 know what type of emergency, action they should take, locations that are
58 important, personnel to see or be aware of, and duration of the emergency.
59 This will limit confusion and keep all students safe from harm.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
SENATE: # S-039	
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	David Kipke
Delegation:	Pembroke Hill School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to mandate Fully Actuated Traffic Signals at a specific ratio per capita per county

1 **RSMo**
2 A new section is created regarding Fully Actuated Traffic Signals
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4 **Key Terms**
5 “Fully Actuated Traffic Signals” will be defined as traffic signals that place
6 detectors on all legs of the intersection and changes the timing of the lights
7 to maximize traffic flow
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9 **Proposal for Action**
10 Fully Actuated Traffic Signals (FATS) will be placed at intersections
11 throughout counties in Missouri at a ratio of 3,000 people: 1 FATS. The
12 Missouri Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation
13 and upkeep of these FATS. Money to fund the FATS will come from gas tax
14 dollars, an extraction from the Division of State Parks fund, as well as an
15 extraction from the Second Injury Fund.
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17 **Effective Date**
18 The act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
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20 **Justification**
21 An idling car will use the same amount of gas sitting idle as it will driving
22 one mile. The implication of FATS will greatly reduce the use of gas in the
23 state, as well as cutting carbon monoxide emissions.
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25 **Expected Results**
26 The state of Missouri will be cleaner and consume much less gas after this
27 act is passed, and the state will ultimately be more sustainable