

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-001 COMMITTEE A**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Caroline Brooks Catherine Toman
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend RSMo 210.003 that will mandate yearly Influenza vaccines along with other required vaccines for school-age children; exemptions will require application

1 **RSMo: 210.003**

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 "required immunizations" are defined as the Hepatitis B, Rotavirus,  
5 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenza type b,  
6 Pneumococcal, Poliovirus, Measles, [yearly] Influenza, Mumps, Rubella,  
7 Varicella, Hepatitis A, and Meningococcal vaccines.

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9 **Proposal for Action:** RSMo Chapter 210 Section 003 currently reads:  
10 "1. No child shall be permitted to enroll in or attend any public, private  
11 or parochial day care center, preschool or nursery school caring for ten  
12 or more children unless such child has been adequately immunized  
13 against vaccine-preventable childhood illnesses specified by the  
14 department of health and senior services in accordance with  
15 recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee  
16 (ACIP). The parent or guardian of such child shall provide satisfactory  
17 evidence of the required immunizations.

18 2. A child who has not completed all immunizations appropriate for his  
19 age may enroll, if:

20 (1) Satisfactory evidence is produced that such child has begun the  
21 process of immunization. The child may continue to attend as long as  
22 the immunization process is being accomplished according to the  
23 ACIP/Missouri department of health and senior services recommended  
24 schedule; or

25 (2) The parent or guardian has signed and placed on file with the day  
26 care administrator a statement of exemption which may be either of the  
27 following:

28 (a) A medical exemption, by which a child shall be exempted from the  
29 requirements of this section upon certification by a licensed physician

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30 that such immunization would seriously endanger the child's health or  
31 life; or

32 (b) A parent or guardian exemption, by which a child shall be exempted  
33 from the requirements of this section if one parent or guardian files a  
34 written objection to immunization with the day care administrator.  
35 Exemptions shall be accepted by the day care administrator when the  
36 necessary information as determined by the department of health and  
37 senior services is filed with the day care administrator by the parent or  
38 guardian. Exemption forms shall be provided by the department of  
39 health and senior services.

40 3. In the event of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of a vaccine-  
41 preventable disease within a particular facility, the administrator of the  
42 facility shall follow the control measures instituted by the local health  
43 authority or the department of health and senior services or both the  
44 local health authority and the department of health and senior services,  
45 as established in Rule 19 CSR 20-20.040, "Measures for the Control of  
46 Communicable Diseases".

47 4. The administrator of each public, private or parochial day care center,  
48 preschool or nursery school shall cause to be prepared a record of  
49 immunization of every child enrolled in or attending a facility under his  
50 jurisdiction. An annual summary report shall be made by January  
51 fifteenth showing the immunization status of each child enrolled, using  
52 forms provided for this purpose by the department of health and senior  
53 services. The immunization records shall be available for review by  
54 department of health and senior services personnel upon request.

55 5. For purposes of this section, satisfactory evidence of immunization  
56 means a statement, certificate or record from a physician or other  
57 recognized health facility or personnel, stating that the required  
58 immunizations have been given to the child and verifying the type of  
59 vaccine and the month, day and year of administration.

60 6. Nothing in this section shall preclude any political subdivision from  
61 adopting more stringent rules regarding the immunization of preschool  
62 children."

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64 Proposal: Change part (b) under #2, which currently states that a child  
65 may have "A parent or guardian exemption, by which a child shall be  
66 exempted from the requirements of this section if one parent or  
67 guardian files a written objection to immunization with the day care  
68 administrator. Exemptions shall be accepted by the day care  
69 administrator when the necessary information as determined by the  
70 department of health and senior services is filed with the day care

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71 administrator by the parent or guardian. Exemption forms shall be  
72 provided by the department of health and senior services.” to say that a  
73 child may have “an exemption, in which the parent or guardian may only  
74 cite religious or other deep-rooted personal belief that his or her child  
75 cannot receive any of the vaccines required for school-age children. This  
76 exemption is filed in form of an application provided by the  
77 ACIP/Missouri department of health. This application must demonstrate  
78 a considerable effort on the part of the guardian to educate him or  
79 herself on the importance and logistics of vaccination as well as include  
80 a written explanation of the reasoning behind his or her child’s  
81 exemption. Applications maybe collected by school officials and passed  
82 on to the ACIP/Missouri department of health. Within 6-12 weeks, a  
83 response letter should be filed to the guardian, which will either contain  
84 a waiver for immunization or will not. Waivers for immunization maybe  
85 submitted in the same manner that immunization records would be.”  
86 Also, “required immunizations” are defined as the Hepatitis B, Rotavirus,  
87 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenza type b,  
88 Pneumococcal, Poliovirus, Measles, [yearly] Influenza, Mumps, Rubella,  
89 Varicella, Hepatitis A, and Meningococcal vaccines.

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91 **Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

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93 **Justification:** Children often do not have a proper understanding of  
94 how sicknesses spread, making them easily susceptible to illness; this  
95 becomes even more of an issue when large groups of children spend  
96 extensive amounts of time in confined spaces such as classrooms. The  
97 easiest way to keep young children from getting sick while still having  
98 contact with other children is by vaccinating them. The reason why many  
99 children are not currently vaccinated is because many parents are  
100 unwilling; the new exemption application is meant to encourage  
101 parents/guardians to educate themselves on the benefits of vaccination.

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103 **Expected Results:** The number of cases of communicable childhood  
104 illnesses will drop, increasing school attendance and stopping spread of  
105 disease amongst youngsters and their families

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-002 COMMITTEE A	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Brynn Davis Maddie Moll
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Missouri HOPE Scholarship

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
2 for college scholarships.

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 “Scholarship” A sum of money or other aid granted to a student,  
6 because of merit, need etc., to pursue his or her studies.  
7 “Tuition” Percentage of tuition to be paid will be determined annually by  
8 a governor-appointed commission, based on academic performance.  
9 Other fees and books will not be paid for by the HOPE Scholarship.  
10 “Checkpoint” A certain point in time where a scholarship-receiving  
11 student’s GPA will be assessed to ensure they are still eligible for the  
12 scholarship.

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14 **Proposal for Action:** Eligibility- In all cases, a student must be a U.S.  
15 Citizen or an Eligible Non-Citizen and meet the requirements to be  
16 classified as a Missouri resident according to University System of  
17 Missouri (USM) in-state tuition policy for either 12 or 24 consecutive  
18 months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term  
19 for which the HOPE Scholarship is sought.  
20 Additional Requirements- Be enrolled at a USM eligible postsecondary  
21 institution in matriculated status leading to a degree. Be a legal resident  
22 of Missouri for tuition purposes. Register with Selective Service (men  
23 only). Be in compliance with the Missouri Drug-Free Post secondary  
24 Education Act of 1990. Not be in default or owe a refund on a federal  
25 or state financial aid program. Not have a bachelor’s degree or higher.  
26 Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.  
27 Deadlines- Students must have an application submitted by the last day  
28 of the semester in which they are seeking the HOPE Scholarship. The  
29 Office of Student Financial Aid has established the following deadlines  
30 for applications:  
31 SUMMER SEMESTER: July 17  
32 FALL SEMESTER: November 17

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33 SPRING SEMESTER: April 15  
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 35 Only letter grades A-F will be counted.  
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 37 Tuition- Percentage of tuition to be paid will be determined annually by  
 38 a governor-appointed commission, based on academic performance.  
 39 Other fees and books will not be paid for by the HOPE Scholarship.  
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 41 Scholarship ends after the student has completed 127 credit hours.  
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 43 Students who lose the HOPE scholarship at a 30, 60 or 90 hour  
 44 checkpoint, or an End-of-Spring checkpoint may regain eligibility if they  
 45 have a 3.0 at the point of attempting 60 or 90 semester hours.  
 46 After a student has attempted 90 credits, he or she cannot be  
 47 reevaluated. Students who lost the HOPE Scholarship at one of the  
 48 checkpoints and now have a 3.0 at 60th or 90th check point are  
 49 required to complete a HOPE Scholarship Institutional Application (HSIA)  
 50 in addition to the FAFSA and/or GSFAPPS to be reviewed again for HOPE  
 51 eligibility.  
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 53 **Effective Date:** July 1, 2012 starting with the graduating high school  
 54 class of 2013.  
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 56 **Justification:** To offer academically superior students who would not  
 57 otherwise be able to afford college the opportunity to receive higher  
 58 education.  
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 60 **Expected Results:** Students who would not be able to attend college in  
 61 Missouri could then afford to attend college which would create a more  
 62 educated work force in Missouri.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-003 COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Hannah Gorris Meghan Gunn
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to ban corporal punishment in Missouri schools.

1 **RSMo:** 160.261  
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 3 **Key Terms:**  
 4 Corporal punishment: punishment of a physical nature, such as caning,  
 5 flogging, or beating  
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 7 **Proposal for Action:** This bill would forbid the use of corporal  
 8 punishment in Missouri public schools.  
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 10 **Effective Date:** This act shall be effective as of the beginning of the  
 11 fall semester of the 2011-2012 school year or August 28, 2012.  
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 13 **Justification:** Although banned in 28 other states, Missouri schools  
 14 still obtain the right to corporal punishment. This completely contradicts  
 15 with US Department of Education studies, which portray corporal  
 16 punishment as ineffective. Studies have shown that schools allowing  
 17 corporal punishment have higher dropout rates, more violence, and an  
 18 elevated percentage of adult incarceration. It has been proven that kids  
 19 who have been spanked or hit with a paddle are more likely to engage in  
 20 violent behaviors in the future, some becoming abusive spouses. If  
 21 hitting a child is considered abuse in a household environment, why is it  
 22 acceptable in public school districts? In addition, parents who report  
 23 spanking as abuse to authorities could be charged with harassment.  
 24 Also, of the children receiving corporal punishment, 19% of them are  
 25 kids with disabilities and nearly 20,000 children nationwide seek  
 26 medical attention due to the punishment. Why let Missouri add to this  
 27 statistic? The way of a civilized society is to behave better than its  
 28 criminals and corporal punishment contradicts that theory.  
 29  
 30 **Expected Results:** By ridding public schools of corporal punishment, a  
 31 positive learning atmosphere will be reinforced and academic

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32 performance will be enhanced. Student morale will be lifted and fears  
33 will be diminished. In addition, the majority of students beaten are of  
34 African-American race, while boys are paddled three times more often  
35 than girls, leading to feelings of prejudice. We can fight gender and  
36 racial discrimination by using alternative methods of discipline.  
37 Eliminating corporal punishment will also prevent future abuse and  
38 violence among kids because they will be taught that physical  
39 retribution is not acceptable.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-004 COMMITTEE A	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Nick Govero Jake Tallin
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Missouri Minimum Wage Act of 2012

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 290.502, RSMo, is amended to increase the State  
2 minimum wage for part-time employees

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 "Wage", compensation for service to business/company, usually  
6 accounted for on an hourly basis.

7 "Minimum Wage", is best defined as the least amount of hourly wages  
8 an employer is able to legally pay an employee for his/her services.

9 "Employee", is defined in Section 290.500, RSMo, as a person who  
10 works in the service of another person under an express or implied  
11 contract of hire, under which the employer has the right to control the  
12 details of work performance.

13 "Employer", any person or group offering service to the individual  
14 seeking employment. Determines hourly pay of those which it employs,  
15 as long as it abides by Federal and State minimum wage laws.

16 "Part-Time Employee", a worker who works 35 or less hours weekly and  
17 does not receive benefits pertaining to working full time (40 or more  
18 hours weekly).

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21 **Proposal for Action:** To the overall benefit of part-time employees,  
22 this new standard of labor requires that a minimum hourly wage of  
23 \$8.50 is met between employer and employee. Compared to the current  
24 acceptable minimum wage, \$7.25, this bill raises Missouri's minimum  
25 wage considerably. In turn, most part-time jobs do not offer employee  
26 benefits such as, healthcare, 401(k) plan, vacation time, or pay with sick  
27 leave; although, by increasing the minimum wage, this deficit is  
28 accounted for as a worker's salary is considerably raised. For those  
29 businesses which support minimum wage, it is up to them to decide how  
30 to cope with, and fund this alteration.

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32 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

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34 **Justification:** According to recent polls, between 67 to 86 percent of  
35 American voters support raising minimum wage. By increasing the salary  
36 of a part-time worker who receives minimum wage, his/her concerns of  
37 the necessity for full-time benefits are dropped as he/she considers the  
38 possibilities of more income. The results would be undeniable as the  
39 opportunity to make more money makes these jobs more desirable. With  
40 higher pay comes an employer which is more selective of its employees,  
41 meaning those in seek of work will have an opportunity to better  
42 themselves for whatever job being applied for.

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44 **Expected Results:** An average worker will have become a more  
45 skilled/qualified employee, making for a more successful business and  
46 economy as a whole. Also, this advancement in pay will ultimately result  
47 with a greater sum of money deposited into the starving economy, with  
48 the excess money made by these part-time workers. More satisfactory  
49 jobs will be considered legitimate sources of income as more change  
50 their opinion of working a part-time job, thus decreasing the  
51 unemployment rate of Americans as more join the workforce.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-005 COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Kerri Husa Melanie Bruce
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to add more information for first responders on Missouri drives licenses

1 **RSMo:** 302.171  
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3 **Key Terms:**  
4 Drivers license is defined as a license authorizing the bearer to drive a  
5 motor vehicle. Severe allergic reaction is defined as a serious reaction  
6 caused by a substance. Example: anaphylaxis. Non-example: hay fever.  
7 Blood type is defined as the specific reaction pattern of red blood cells  
8 of an individual to the antisera of one of the blood groups.  
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10 **Proposal for Action:** Require blood type, allergies, medical conditions,  
11 and emergency contacts on drivers' license in case of an emergency.  
12 Makes it easier to access information without looking it up on record.  
13 Useful for surgeries, ICU, emergency room operations, blood work, etc.  
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15 **Effective Date:** December 1, 2013  
16  
17 **Justification:** Emergency responders need information to better help  
18 people in need.  
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20 **Expected Results:** Better emergency response treatment because of  
21 increased info available to first responders.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-006 COMMITTEE A	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Briana Iriarte Chlo'e Rickett-Gay
<b>Delegation:</b>	Trinity Catholic High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Removing Death Penalty for First Degree Murder Cases

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 565

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 "First Degree Murder" as defined in section 565.020, A person commits  
5 the crime of murder in first degree if he knowingly causes the death of  
6 another person after deliberation upon the matter.

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8 **Proposal for Action:** Murder in the first degree is a class A felony, the  
9 punishment shall be imprisonment for life without eligibility for  
10 probation or parole, or release except by act of the governor.

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12 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect on January 1, 2012

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14 **Justification:** We feel that the death penalty should be permanently  
15 removed because it is not right for a person to be able to judge whether  
16 or not someone should die or not. Even if the person that committed the  
17 crime is guilty, it is not our right to have that person's life taken from  
18 them.

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20 **Expected Results:** By Missouri repealing the death penalty, maybe the  
21 states that still enforce the death penalty will take notice and repeal the  
22 death penalty as well. Then Americans can say, "We will not take an eye,  
23 for an eye."

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-007 COMMITTEE A	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Ashleigh Kindred
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to mandate secondary public schools in Missouri to conduct dog searches of the schools property during the school year.

1 **RSMo:** To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding a new section relating  
2 to the search and seizure of illegal drugs on school grounds.

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5 **Key Terms:**

6 Drug dog search: Dog, trained by the State High Way Patrol, search the  
7 students lockers and cars, and do not disturb the student's property,  
8 unless an illegal substance is found.

9 Secondary Public Schools: Schools containing grades 9-12, and are  
10 supported by Government funds.

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13 **Proposal for Action:** Proposal for Action: All secondary public schools  
14 will be required to conduct a full search of the school using the State  
15 Highway Patrol Canine. In order to pass this program schools must  
16 conduct a random monthly search. If the school passes at least 75% (6  
17 of 8) tests, with no drugs found then, the school will pass the program  
18 and receive the funds explained in chapter 161.5. If 100% of the tests  
19 are passed then the school will receive a grant in order to improve the  
20 school. The school will also be to able reduce the number of Canine  
21 searches to six per year, but they will be required to pass 100% of the  
22 tests. If the school does not pass the required amount of tests then  
23 they will not complete the program, receiving no funds and they will be  
24 required increase the number of searches by 2 each year they fail until  
25 they reach 10 test per year, and will have to pass 80% of the test. A  
26 student that is caught with illegal drugs will be punished by the usual  
27 school policy, state law and 25% of any fines given will go to the  
28 Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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31 **Effective Date:** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the  
32 2012-2013 school year.

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34 **Justification:** Too many of today’s youth are using, and/or dealing  
35 illegal substances in and around school property during the school day;  
36 also endangering the rest of the student body. If students have to work  
37 harder to access to the drugs, then the students are less likely to  
38 partake in using drugs or provoking others to also partake in them.

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41 **Expected Results:** Students will stop using and dealing illegal drugs  
42 during the school day,  
43 therefore reducing the number of students partaking in drug usage and  
44 dealing.  
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<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-008 COMMITTEE A</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jimmy McHugh
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Voting Booster Act

1 **RSMo:** 610-022

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 State Holiday- a day on which the law dictates a halting of general  
5 business activity to commemorate or celebrate a particular event.

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7 **Proposal for Action:** Missouri’s state election day will become a state  
8 holiday, thus increasing the amount of voters. With businesses off,  
9 citizens will be able to have more of an opportunity to voice their  
10 opinion by voting. The polling hours in Missouri are currently 6am to  
11 7pm. The hours will be changed to 6am to 12pm to provide adequate  
12 time for all citizens to vote.

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14 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

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16 **Justification:** According to the 2008 United States Election Project,  
17 67.8 % Missourians exercises their first amendment right to vote. Our  
18 goal is to increase that number by as much as possible.

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20 **Expected Results:** According to the 2008 United States Election  
21 Project, 67.8 % Missourians exercises their first amendment right to  
22 vote. Our goal is to increase that number by as much as possible.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-009 COMMITTEE A**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Rachel Pozzo Brianna Biffignani
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act requiring drug testing for welfare benefits.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
2 regarding drug testing for welfare applicants and recipients.

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 Key Terms

6 "Illegal Substance", a substance whose manufacture, possession, and  
7 use are illegal in Missouri.

8 "Material Benefits", a welfare (money for any reason), food and food  
9 stamps.

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12 **Proposal for Action:** Proposal For Action

13 Anyone over the age of 18 applying for material benefits from the state  
14 must be tested for illegal substances. If the applicant tests positive  
15 he/she cannot receive benefits for at least 6 months. At the end of the  
16 6 month period he/she may test again. If the applicant tests positive 3  
17 consecutive times, he/she cannot reapply for benefits for one year.

18 If the applicant does test positive he/she will have to pay up to \$35 to  
19 cover the test; if the test is negative then the applicant can have the  
20 cost reimbursed and is eligible for material benefits.

21 If the applicant has dependents under the age of 18 then he/she may  
22 receive sufficient food stamps to feed their dependents regardless of  
23 the applicant's drug test results.

24 All persons receiving material benefits are subject to random drug tests  
25 and the same consequences apply as to a first time applicant. If the  
26 drug test is refused then material benefits will not be given or will be  
27 taken away from the recipient.

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30 **Effective Date:** Effective Date:

31 This act shall take effect on January 1 of 2012.

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34 **Justification:** Justification:

35 People should not be able to receive material benefits if they are  
36 spending the money they have on illegal substances. In addition, tax  
37 payers should not be responsible for supporting drug users when they  
38 could be spending their money more effectively.

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41 **Expected Results:** Expected Results:

42 People who purchase illegal substances with material benefits will no  
43 longer be able to do so resulting in better use of tax payer's money.  
44 Drug use will decrease among those who need material assistance.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-010 COMMITTEE A	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Rachel Tainter Suzanne Pocost
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to create the Hope Scholarship in Missouri.

1 **RSMo:** Section 313-321

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 4% lottery tax- The source of revenue taken from the lottery that is  
5 distributed through DESE to state colleges and universities

6 DESE- Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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8 **Proposal for Action:** As of right now, any person who wins any amount  
9 of money in the Missouri Lottery is taxed 4% that must be given back to  
10 the state. The money that is taken away from the winnings will be evenly  
11 distributed throughout the major colleges in Missouri and given to  
12 students who were accepted into the schools but cannot afford the  
13 complete tuition to go. There will be a list of requirements (concerning  
14 GPA, ACT scores, SAT scores, etc.) that the students must have to be  
15 considered for the scholarship established by the Missouri Department  
16 of Elementary and Secondary Education. This way more students will be  
17 not only be accepted into universities, but will have a brighter future.

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19 **Effective Date:** This act will take effect on January 1st, 2014

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21 **Justification:** Each state uses the money effectively going towards  
22 something for the good of the people living in the state. Georgia  
23 introduced this idea in 1993 and since 2006 more than 3 billion dollars  
24 in scholarships have been rewarded to more than 900,000 Georgia  
25 students. So who says we can't be just as successful?

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27 **Expected Results:** More students who cannot afford the experience of  
28 education after a high school diploma now have the opportunity to have  
29 the normal college experience that other teens are getting today, all  
30 with the help of the state.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-021 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jason Flores AJ Park
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Extended Requirements for School Principals

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 168, is amended and a new section is created regarding  
2 a required amount of years teaching before becoming a principal.

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 Principal- The head or director of a school.

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7 **Proposal for Action:** Beginning August 1st, 2016, a teacher must now  
8 have, but is not limited to, eight years of teaching experience before  
9 becoming a principal or an assistant principal. This extension of  
10 teaching years required will be applied to all principals from primary to  
11 secondary public schools. Current principals with less than the required  
12 eight years will be exempt.

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14 This law will be enforced by the Missouri Department of Elementary and  
15 Secondary Education.

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17 **Effective Date:** August 1st, 2016

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19 **Justification:** Requiring a minimum of eight years of teaching will give  
20 teachers more experience to handle the responsibilities of a principal;  
21 principals will be better experienced to handle difficult situations. If  
22 principals have worked in the classroom for long periods of time, they  
23 will know how to react and respond to poor student behavior more  
24 efficiently. Principals will also be better equipped to handle the more  
25 intense and extreme decisions/issues of students (alcohol, drugs, STD's,  
26 violence, etc). As well, principals with at least eight years of teaching  
27 will know how to interact with parents better. This law allows principals  
28 to handle the many complaints, arguments, and concerns of parents as a  
29 teacher before they become a principal. As a principal, they will be  
30 facing a far greater amount of complaints and concerns from parents.  
31 Furthermore, teachers will be more accepting and will respect a more  
32 experienced principal. This law will dissolve the common relationship

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33 problem between teachers and principals; teachers will now no longer  
34 feel enmity toward principals with little teacher experience. In  
35 conclusion, principals with a minimum of eight years of teaching will  
36 help them be more prepared to work and deal with students, parents,  
37 and teachers.

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39 **Expected Results:** There will be a significant decrease of issues caused  
40 by insufficiency, carelessness, and lack of wisdom on the principal(s)  
41 part, leading to a better environment for all students, faculty, and staff  
42 within Missouri public schools.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-022 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Nick Geisz Jack Vatterott
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to charge a toll on all out-of-state vehicles entering the state of Missouri via the interstate highway system.

1 **RSMo:** Adds a section to RSMo. 227

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Tobacco products: cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, cigarillos, hooka,  
5 rolling paper

6 Show Me Pass: an annual pass allowing drivers to enter the state of  
7 Missouri an unlimited number of times for \$50.00 dollars a year.

8

9 **Proposal for Action:** Every out of state vehicle has to pay a price of 1  
10 dollar when entering the state of Missouri via an interstate highway.  
11 "Show Me Passes" will be available for purchase for frequent bi-state  
12 commuters for a price of \$50.00 annually. Initial funding for the toll  
13 booths will come from a 10 cent tax increase on every tobacco product  
14 sold in the state. Construction on toll booths will begin on January 1,  
15 2012 and a six month construction time is planned.

16

17 **Effective Date:** June 1, 2012

18

19 **Justification:** Tolls would provide funding for unmet infrastructure  
20 needs, including state the improvement of roads and bridges. This in  
21 turn would create jobs in the state of Missouri.

22

23 **Expected Results:** Missouri's sagging infrastructure will be repaired  
24 and improved. Missouri's unemployment rate will shrink, causing a  
25 boost in the Missouri state economy.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-023 COMMITTEE B**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Nicole Gorris Greta Armbruster
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	In the business districts of Missouri, there should be a separate sidewalk for bikers so that they too have a place to ride bikes instead of being on the street.

1 **RSMo:** 300.347.1.  
2

3 **Key Terms:**

4 "Business District" refers to the area of the state of Missouri in which  
5 the commercial and marketable business reside. There are several  
6 business districts in the state of Missouri. Some of these districts are in  
7 down town Clayton, and also in the down town area of St. Louis, where  
8 most cycling accidents have occurred in the past. These districts only  
9 have places for pedestrians to walk, and nowhere for cyclists to ride  
10 upon.  
11

12 **Proposal for Action:** The government of the state of Missouri will  
13 agree upon building a separate lane for cyclists, off the roads where  
14 vehicles are present, to ride upon. The money will be funded mostly by  
15 tax money. Those who wish to donate money to this cause will be  
16 welcome to do so. These lanes will be built in the business districts of  
17 Missouri like Clayton and the downtown areas of St. Louis as a safe  
18 alternative for cyclists. They will be near the walkways of pedestrians,  
19 instead of being near the busy streets.  
20

21 **Effective Date:** This act will go into effect on January 1, 2012 in the  
22 state of Missouri. These area affected by this change will be in the  
23 business districts of Missouri.  
24

25 **Justification:** It is evident in statistics throughout the United States  
26 that cyclists are killed by traffic related accidents every year. Bicyclists  
27 deaths are accounted for about two percent of all traffic fatalities, and  
28 about every six hours a bicyclist is fatally injured. In Missouri alone,  
29 almost seventy percent of the bicycle injuries were on city streets and in  
30 the business districts of the state. The county roads of Missouri, where

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31 sidewalks are open to cyclists, accounted for a tenth of injuries.  
32 Obviously, there is a problem in the city. Without sidewalks to ride on,  
33 cyclists are in constant danger of being struck by a car. A simple  
34 solution to this would be to build an extra sidewalk designated for  
35 cyclists. This would cost civilians of Missouri tax money, but lives would  
36 be saved, and there would be much less injury.  
37

38 **Expected Results:** There would be a lessening of bicycle caused  
39 injuries and deaths in the state of Missouri, and cyclists would be able  
40 to ride in much safer areas. Children would be much safer and there  
41 would be much less worry altogether in the St. Louis cyclist community.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-024 COMMITTEE B**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Nicholas Greenwald
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to require 30 hours of "community service" participation in order to graduate high school.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
2 regarding competing 30 hours of community service in order to  
3 graduate high school.

4  
5 **Key Terms:**

6 "Community service" is defined as contributed work or activities that are  
7 performed for the benefit of the public and its institutions.

8  
9 A "Community Service Credit" is defined as an hours' worth of  
10 community service.

11  
12 A "service log" is a required sheet on which a student must record his  
13 community service information and turn in to the school to obtain any  
14 credits.

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16  
17 **Proposal for Action:** This bill proposes that a community service credit  
18 hour be instituted. Students will be required to participate in local or  
19 national organizations that help their community in order to graduate  
20 high school. Over the course of a student's 4 years of high school, they  
21 must acquire 30 of these credits with 15 credits obtained by sophomore  
22 year. This act will only extend to the state's public high schools. These  
23 credits will be rewarded per every one hour of participation. Each school  
24 will be in charge of what exactly they deem as acceptable community  
25 service and must approve of a student activity before it can be counted  
26 for a credit. Possible sources of activity include Adopt a High Way  
27 Project, animal shelter projects, Church youth groups, Habitat for  
28 Humanity, Boy/Girl Scouts of America projects, etc. Each school will be  
29 in charge of providing a service log to every student. These logs must  
30 contain spaces for students to record the name of their activity, the  
31 date it was performed, and the signature of the activities leader or  
32 supervisor. The schools will also be in charge of making sure student

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33 obtains his or her credits by graduation. For students looking to  
34 graduate early, they still must complete the required hours by their  
35 graduation date.

36  
37 **Effective Date:** This act will take effect beginning with the freshman  
38 class of 2017.

39  
40 **Justification:** Many Cities and school districts already have instituted a  
41 similar policy such as Seattle, Chicago, and the San Francisco Unified  
42 School District. In the State of Pennsylvania, a service project is  
43 required by all high school students before graduation. Research done  
44 by the Corporation for National and Community Service has "established  
45 a strong relationship between volunteering and health. Those who had  
46 volunteered had lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and  
47 lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer".  
48 Also, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic  
49 Learning and Engagement, teens who volunteer have a 22% higher  
50 chance of graduating high school than those who don't.

51  
52 **Expected Results:** With introduction of this act, students will become  
53 more positively involved in their communities. The quality of each  
54 community will rise, with all the work each teenager will put in. Students  
55 will learn lessons in responsibility, helpfulness and kindness as each  
56 teen helps out in their area. This act will also give some students  
57 opportunities to explore possible job opportunities as they work. For  
58 example, teens who may be considering the veterinarian field may find  
59 working in the animal shelter helpful in deciding their career. Both the  
60 public and their volunteers will benefit from the experiences learned and  
61 the effort directed toward the communities.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-025 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Meaghan Hill
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to eliminate vehicles for private use getting under 13 mpg.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 301 RSMo is hereby ammended by adding a new section  
2 thereto.

3  
4 **Key Terms:**  
5 "Private use" is vehicles used for the benefit of citizens, families and  
6 anyone not under the benefit of the public bus system or military.

7  
8 **Proposal for Action:** A bill to eliminate the use of gasoline powered  
9 vehicles that gets under 13 miles per gallon for all private uses.

10  
11 **Effective Date:** This bill shall become effective one year after passage.

12  
13 **Justification:** We need cleaner air in our country. The pollution is rising  
14 to new heights and erroding our atmosphere. With the new options,  
15 there's no need to waste the gas.

16  
17 **Expected Results:** By putting this in effect, citizens will have less  
18 chances of asthma and lung disease. Along with the benefit of reducing  
19 the pollution in our atmosphere.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-026 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Seth Karfeld
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to not require the use of a front license plate in the State of Missouri

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 301.130, RSMo, is amended to include an additional  
2 section as follows

3  
4 **Key Terms:**  
5 License plate is defined as arectangular, usually metal plate that bears a  
6 sequence of numbers, letters, or both and is issued by a government to  
7 identify an officially registered vehicle.

8  
9 **Proposal for Action:** Residents of the State of Missouri will no longer  
10 be required to have a front license plate on their motorized vehicles.

11  
12 **Effective Date:** This shall take effect on December 1st 2011

13  
14 **Justification:** Multiple states do not have a front license plate and  
15 there are no logical deterrents from having no front license plate. Police  
16 officers pull you over from behind rather than in front which makes it  
17 seem to me as if the front license plate is useless and redundant  
18 Specialty cars are also hindered by the current restrictions because the  
19 front bumper has to be drilled into and damaged to make the license  
20 plate stay put. This makes specialty cars and or kit cars a deterrent  
21 which hurts the kit car business. Nineteen states do not require a front  
22 license plate including: Michigan, Kansas, Arizona, New Mexico,  
23 Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee,  
24 Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South  
25 Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Delaware

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29 **Expected Results:** The cost of making license plates would be half that  
30 of before and the additional savings could be passed on to the people  
31 buying the license plates.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-027 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Aidan Miget John Lauberth
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to reduce the amount of pollution.

1 **RSMo:** 260.281

2  
3 **Key Terms:**  
4 Biodegradable- Capable of decaying through the action of living  
5 organisms.

6  
7 **Proposal for Action:** All businesses in the state of Missouri will be  
8 required to use biodegradable plastic bags. For the first year they use  
9 these bags they will receive a 3% tax incentive, the second year a 2%  
10 tax incentive, the third year a 1% tax incentive, but after three years it  
11 becomes mandatory for all establishments. Revenue for the tax incentive  
12 will be accumulated from a 3 year 5 cent tax increase on all plastic  
13 bottled drinks.

14  
15 **Effective Date:** January 1st, 2012

16  
17 **Justification:** Because of today's rising pollution rate and the damage  
18 to the environment a change is needed and we believe that using  
19 biodegradable plastic bag usage would positively affect the environment  
20 in the state of Missouri by reducing the amount of plastic bags in land  
21 fills.

22  
23 **Expected Results:** As a result of the requirement of biodegradable  
24 plastic bags being introduced into all Missouri establishments there  
25 should be a reduction in the rate of pollution and an improvement in the  
26 environment in the state of Missouri.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-028 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Benjamin Morrison
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to reduce the limits set on an intermediate driver's licen

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 302, Section 178 is amended to loosen the restrictions  
2 on intermediate driver's licenses.

3  
4 **Key Terms:**  
5 "Immediate Family" - As defined in the subsection, an intermediate  
6 driver's license holder's immediate family shall include brothers, sisters,  
7 stepbrothers or stepsisters of the driver, including adopted or foster  
8 children residing in the same household of the intermediate driver's  
9 license holder.

10  
11 **Proposal for Action:** Change the current sentence that reads "For the  
12 first six months after issuance of the intermediate driver's license, the  
13 holder of the license shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than  
14 one passenger who is under the age of nineteen who is not a member of  
15 the holder's immediate family," to read "For the first six months after  
16 issuance of the intermediate driver's license, the holder of the license  
17 shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than two passengers who  
18 are under the age of nineteen and who are not a member of the holder's  
19 immediate family."

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21 **Effective Date:** January 1st, 2012.

22  
23 **Justification:** The restriction was added because of statistics that  
24 show that for the first few months after a 16 year old gets a license,  
25 the teenager is more likely to get into a crash than other drivers.  
26 However, statistics also show that programs that include a permit  
27 requirement significantly reduce this chance of an accident. Since  
28 Missouri has a permit requirement, it is redundant to also restrict the  
29 amount of passengers a driver can have to one, since that person has  
30 already had experience driving.  
31 There are also statistics that show that graduated license programs are  
32 not extremely effective. Studies have shown that some teenagers will

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33 just wait until they are 18 to get their license, therefore bypassing the  
34 intermediate driver's license while still having a great risk of accidents.

35  
36 **Expected Results:** The amount of drivers who wait until they are 18 to  
37 get their license will reduce, and more drivers will get their license at  
38 16. Therefore, the amount of accidents of people who are over 18 will  
39 also be significantly reduced, reducing the amount of accidents all  
40 together. More people will learn to drive in a safer environment, and the  
41 roads will be generally safer.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-029 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Daniel Vogel Nick Guarino
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Cash for Cans (and Bottles)

1 **RSMo:** 260.1102

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 "Redemption Centers"- any person offering to pay the refund value of  
5 an empty beverage container to a redeemer, or any person who  
6 contracts with one or more dealers or distributors to collect, sort and  
7 obtain the refund

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9 "Plastics"- plastics with recycling numbers 1 though 6

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12 **Proposal for Action:** A statewide program that would give every citizen  
13 the opportunity to redeem 5 cents for every can/bottle turned into  
14 redemption centers. The cans and bottles can be made of aluminum,  
15 glass, and plastic.

16

17 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

18

19 **Justification:** Multiple states including California, Connecticut,  
20 Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York,  
21 Oregon, & Vermont already have similar programs. All states have seen  
22 improvement in recycling rates, especially California. Most people enjoy  
23 the benefits of getting cash for cans. The more we are able to recycle:  
24 the cleaner the environment, landfills are filled with less plastic, and we  
25 save money.

26

27 **Expected Results:** This will program will provide an economic incentive  
28 to recycling and clean up the environment. Return deposits on  
29 cans/bottles are energy cost efficient because it takes less energy to  
30 produce beverages in returnable, reusable containers. This will also  
31 reduce litter along lakes, highways, and rivers. It will extend the lifetime  
32 of taxpayer landfills.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-030 COMMITTEE B	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Kirby Weber Brooke Tessman
<b>Delegation:</b>	Mexico YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to prohibit the use of tasers by law enforcement officers

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 563, RSMo, a new section is created regarding banning  
2 the use of tasers by law enforcement officers.

3  
4 **Key Terms:**

5 Taser- a trademark weapon that transmits electrical pulses to contract  
6 muscle tissue in order to incapacitate somebody.

7  
8 **Proposal for Action:** Tasers may not be used by law enforcement.  
9 Tasers will not be a justifiable use of force by law enforcement officers  
10 because of their unpredictable effects when used on a person.

11  
12 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

13  
14 **Justification:** 50,000 volts are sent through the body when a person is  
15 shocked with a taser. Although classified as nonlethal, tasers can cause  
16 serious health problems or death to people who are tazed by them.  
17 Tasers are an unpredictable use of force because they effect everyone  
18 differently. Law enforcement officers have been accused of using tasers  
19 wrongfully on people because they don't realize or have not been  
20 trained on the effects tasers can inflict. Sometimes the taser causes  
21 more harm then what the officer intended to inflict. Law enforcement  
22 will be required to use a more predictable method of force.

23  
24 **Expected Results:** If this bill passes we can expect to see no more  
25 health problems or deaths caused by tasers.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-041 COMMITTEE C	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Devante Dodson Theresa Ford
<b>Delegation:</b>	Monsanto YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend Chapter 191 RSMo Health and Welfare to Include a Provision for Issuing Contraceptive to Minors.  Be it enacted by the YMCA general assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

1 **RSMo:** Section A:

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3 Chapter 191 shall be amended by adding there to one new section  
4 known as 191.635 as follows:

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6 191.635. CONTRACEPTIVES will be "Legal" for all ages. This includes all  
7 over the counter medicines sold by drug stores. Those prescribed by Do

8  
9 **Key Terms:**  
10 Contraceptive to Minors

11  
12 **Proposal for Action:** Allow minors as well as adults to legally be  
13 prescribed or to purchase and use contraceptivees legally.

14  
15 **Effective Date:** This bill will go into effect January 2013.

16  
17 **Justification:** Many minors engage in illegal sexual conduct under the  
18 premise that they are in love and that they are grown enough to have  
19 sex.

20  
21 **Expected Results:** Reduce unwanted pregnancies

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-042 COMMITTEE C**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Ellen Fields Mackenzie Giegling
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lindbergh High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to allow approved Varsity sports to count as a credit of high school physical education required for graduation.

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31 **Expected Results:** Since many athletes hope for an athletic  
32 scholarship, this act will allow them to take classes instead of physical  
33 education, to better prepare themselves for college and give a better  
34 chance of having qualifying grades for any given scholarship.

1 **RSMo:** section 161.300

2

3 **Key Terms:**

4 Varsity Sport- The principal team representing school in sports, games,  
5 or other competitions.Credit- One hundred fifty hours of planned  
6 instructional activities approved by the district with a minimum grade  
7 point average of 1.0. Grade average of 1.0 is required to pass the class  
8 and receive credit towards graduation.

9 Physical Education- the process by which changes in the individual are  
10 bought about through experiences, also concerned with education of the  
11 whole person through physical activities

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14 **Proposal for Action:** All high schools will have to adopt the policy that  
15 varsity sports count as the physical education credit required for  
16 graduation. One full season including practices and games count as half  
17 of a credit of physical education. The sports will have to follow certain  
18 rules and regulations made by the school in order to qualify to receive  
19 the credit. Athletes are still required to take a separate health class to  
20 count as credit required to graduate. Athlete must also attend 93% of  
21 all practices and games to qualify to receive the credit. Only sports  
22 approved by the school are eligible for the athletes to receive credit.

23

24 **Effective Date:** This shall take effect at the beginning of the 2011-  
25 2012 school year

26

27 **Justification:** This allows the less healthier students or the students  
28 that need more work to get more time with teachers and not feeling  
29 excluded when working with highly athletic students.

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<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-043 COMMITTEE C</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Cheyenne Foster Jessica Dain
<b>Delegation:</b>	Bowling Green High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Abolishment of the Death Penalty

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1 **RSMo:** To abolish Chapter 565 of the Missouri Revised Statutes  
2

3 **Key Terms:**

- 4 Death Penalty- execution for a crime
- 5 Capital Punishment- same as the death penalty
- 6 Abolish- to completely remove
- 7 Excecution- to inflict death
- 8 Lethal Injection- a series of medical conconctions which results in the
- 9 failure of the heart, thus resulting in death
- 10 Electric Chair- death by electrocution
- 11 Life-sentence- a prison sentence that spans the prisoner's life
- 12 Parole- re-trying the case
- 13 Criminologist- studies crime

14  
15 **Proposal for Action:** To abolish the death penalty. We find it inhumane  
16 and extremely violent. We propse to replace any death penalty  
17 sentences with life sentences without the chance of parole. With more  
18 prisoners in jail, either crime rate will go down because of fear of being  
19 condemed, or new prisons will arise to occupy new prisoners, thus  
20 creating new jobs. It also saves the department money because  
21 excecutions cost more than life sentences.  
22

23 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012  
24

25 **Justification:** The death penalty is extremely in-humane and costs the  
26 taxpayers millions of dollars that can be better spent in the community.  
27 Some people are also wrongly accused, their innocence proven after  
28 their death, meaning they were killed unjustly, something that cannot be  
29 revoked because they are dead. It also has the potential to create new  
30 jobs and if not, intimidate others to refrain from crime in fear of being  
31 imprisoned. The life-sentence without parole is also suitable because

32 they are still forced to live with their crime but do not have a chance of  
33 being released from prison.  
34

35 **Expected Results:** Hopefully, crime will reduce because people will not  
36 want to be imprisoned for life with no chance of parole. If not, more  
37 prisons will be built, resulting in new jobs that will support the economy  
38 and those currently unemployed. It will spare future Missouri residents  
39 who are wrongly accused so that they may be freed from their sentence  
40 and conviction. It was also better Missouri's image because of the  
41 elimination of such inhumane methods of managing our criminals.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-044 COMMITTEE C	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Danny Gray Jack Rowland
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to Provide Educational and Resource Flexibility to Missouri's Public School Districts

1 **RSMo:** Amendment to RsMO163.021  
2  
3 Amend RsMO 163.021 to read:  
4 1. A school district shall receive state aid for its education program only  
5 if it:  
6 (1) Provides for a range of 140-175 (one hundred seventy-four) days  
7 and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pu  
8  
9 **Key Terms:**  
10 State Aid: Money allocated for public school education  
11  
12  
13  
14 **Proposal for Action:** Instead of a 174 school day minimum there will  
15 be a requirement of 140-175 days and a requirement of one thousand  
16 forty-four hours of school attendance per student within a school year.  
17  
18 **Effective Date:** First July after date of passage.  
19  
20 **Justification:** This gives school districts the option of moving to a four  
21 day week and adding more hours to the day. This does not force school  
22 districts to move to four day weeks. This gives school districts flexibility  
23 in designing their school year to meet their own academic goals, and to  
24 conserve energy.  
25  
26 **Expected Results:** If schools moved to a four day week, it would take  
27 out a day of bus transportation, and schools wouldn't need to be heated  
28 for one extra day of the week, saving the school money in  
29 transportation and energy. This would give students and faculty an  
30 extra day off.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-045 COMMITTEE C	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Anna Haas Victoria Haas
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to require a husband's permission before a wife has an abortion

1 **RSMo:** 188.010-188.335  
2  
3 **Key Terms:**  
4 The Missouri Revised Statutes defines "Abortion" as the intentional  
5 destruction of the life of an embryo or fetus in his or her mother's womb  
6 or the intentional termination of the pregnancy of a mother with an  
7 intention other than to increase the probability of a live birth or to  
8 remove a dead or dying unborn child;  
9 The Missouri revised statute defines "Marriage" as a civil contract, to  
10 which the consent of the parties capable in law of contracting is  
11 essential.  
12  
13  
14 **Proposal for Action:** By Missouri law a wife must receive a signed  
15 permission of a husband in order to receive an abortion.  
16  
17 **Effective Date:** This act shall be effective on August 28, 2012.  
18  
19 **Justification:** Many wives receive abortions annually without the  
20 knowledge of their husbands. By law, the state is not even required or  
21 allowed to notify husbands, if their wife receives an abortion.  
22 Sometimes they may not want a child or can't afford a child but either  
23 way does not receive permissions from a husband prior to the abortion.  
24 Through entering the contract of marriage, both parties should be  
25 required to give their consent. Although a child is carried by the mother,  
26 it shares an equal amount of genes from both the mother and the  
27 father. Yet, as the law is now, a husband has no legal right to stop his  
28 wife from terminating a pregnancy.  
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30 **Expected Results:** Both parties of a marriage will have a say in the  
 31 abortion of their genetically shared child. The amount of abortions per  
 32 year will decrease.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-046 COMMITTEE C</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Ravali Inja Meara Malottke
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act related to limited teacher and student communications.

1 **RSMo:** Repeal Section A. Section 162.069  
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 3  
 4 **Key Terms:**  
 5 `Former student`, a person who attended school where the teacher  
 6 works, is under eighteen years old or younger, and has not graduated.  
 7 `Work-related website`, any internet website that the teacher uses for  
 8 educational purposes.  
 9  
 10  
 11 **Proposal for Action:** Section A Section 162.069 limits teacher and  
 12 student communication. This states that each school district requires a  
 13 policy concerning employee-student communications which must  
 14 address appropriate oral and nonverbal personal communication and  
 15 appropriate use of electronic media. A teacher can only use a website  
 16 for communication if it is work-related and is available to school  
 17 administrators and parents/guardians. They also cannot communicate  
 18 with former students. This statute shall be repealed as of January 1,  
 19 2012.  
 20  
 21 **Effective Date:** This will be implemented January 1, 2012.  
 22  
 23 **Justification:** Students, especially high school students, tend to be very  
 24 involved in activities. This does not allow a good amount of time to talk  
 25 to teachers to get help for various subjects. Besides, teachers tend to  
 26 also be involved, which clutters their schedule up, eliminating even more  
 27 possible time for a student to learn. Using different social media opens  
 28 up an opportunity for students to speak to their teachers at any time,  
 29 allowing them to have help in a subject.  
 30 This degrades the teachers' profession, since it assumes that they are  
 31 likely to harass children. According to Jay Nixon, those who engage in

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32 such activities will continue to do so regardless of a bill implemented.  
33 Therefore, the law is nullified and is of no use.  
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35  
36 **Expected Results:** Students will be less stressed. This would result in  
37 better grades, especially since they will receive the help they need. This  
38 will better help them in preparation and in searching for a suitable  
39 college.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-047 COMMITTEE C</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jake Kramer Sachith Gamlath
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Self Defense of Students in Educational Establishments

1 **RSMo:** There is currently no act or law in place that should be or is  
2 required to be negated, revised, or amended in order for this act, Self  
3 Defense of Students, to be passed and enacted in the state of Missouri.  
4 It will be inserted after the "Use of Force in D  
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6 **Key Terms:**  
7 (Self Defense)- The defense of a person or persons by the person or  
8 another person for violence without provocation from the victim party  
9 by either verbal or physical means, excluding deadly force or physical  
10 means that would cause serious injury to any party.  
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12 **Proposal for Action:** Students in the state of Missouri will be allowed  
13 to defend themselves from violence from another student or students  
14 that they did not provoke or in any way attempt to bring about  
15 intentionally by retaliation of first verbal, and then, if necessary,  
16 physical means. When physical means are necessary, they shall not be  
17 allowed in excess, only what is necessary to convince the attacker to  
18 cease their assault on the student or students. Any violence that stems  
19 from an argument between two parties is subject to interpretation and  
20 analyzation by the school board in effective jurisdiction respectively, as  
21 well as both parties. Further, students have the right to defend a fellow  
22 student from an offensive party in the same manner, and only in the  
23 same manner mentioned above. The defender is kept from punishment,  
24 while the attacker is faced with it.  
25  
26 **Effective Date:** One year following the passing of the act  
27  
28 **Justification:** Many students in the state and country are bullied and  
29 abused by fellow students, lacking retaliation because of the zero  
30 tolerance policy enacted by most schools. In essence, this would allow  
31 for a student to cause injury to another student, or even emotionally

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32 damage said student. This is unacceptable. Adults are, by law, (Defense  
 33 of Self Defense) permitted to defend themselves with reasonable force  
 34 when faced with an attacker. This should be no different in any location.  
 35 A school is a place to learn, not a place to be frightened of for fear of  
 36 one's physical safety.

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 38 **Expected Results:** Students that are normally bullied verbally and  
 39 physically will be able to reasonably retaliate, causing their regular  
 40 attackers to cease through either punishment by the educational  
 41 establishment, or the lack of incentive due to the victim's ability to  
 42 reasonably retaliate. Bullying that has repeatedly occurred physically or  
 43 verbally will be reduced, bringing many negative aspects of a student's  
 44 life to a minimum.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-048 COMMITTEE C</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	David Niemann David Morris
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act related to physical education requirements for high school students

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
 2 for high school physical education.

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 4 **Key Terms:**  
 5 "Physical activity requirements" are defined in section 167.720 RSMo,  
 6 which includes but are not limited to, time during school. High school  
 7 credit is defined as a requirement for a class to graduate.

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 9 **Proposal for Action:** All public school districts will be afforded the  
 10 option for students in grades nine to twelve to choose between taking a  
 11 formal physical education class for graduation credit or to participate  
 12 on a competitive team sport for their school for a graduation credit. The  
 13 amount of credits a student athlete will receive will vary based on their  
 14 competitive level. If the student participates on a varsity level sport  
 15 team, they will receive half a credit per season. If the student  
 16 participates on a junior varsity or freshman level sport, they will receive  
 17 one fourth of a credit per season. Once the student meets the  
 18 requirement of one physical education credit, any further activities will  
 19 no longer earn the student credits. The Department of Elementary and  
 20 Secondary Education will create rules and regulations for all school  
 21 districts upon which to model in their policies.

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 23 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect on August 1, 2012

24  
 25 **Justification:** There are high school students whose class schedules  
 26 are filled with many classes without room for flexibility. Students may  
 27 not have any space in their schedules to take a physical education class.  
 28 Many students already play on a competitive sports team. We need a  
 29 way to allow our students to take the classes they want within the  
 30 graduation requirements. One less class requirement allows them to  
 31 take the classes they want and stay physically active. It will also

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32 encourage students to participate on their school's competitive sports  
33 teams.  
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35 **Expected Results:** The students will participate in more competitive  
36 sports teams. They will take more classes to improve their academic  
37 careers.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-049 COMMITTEE C	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Madeline Reicmuth
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to amend section 171.031.2 and section 171.031.3 in order to make all schools in the state of Missouri start after the first day of September and end on or before the last day of May.

1 **RSMo:** Remove section 171.031.2 and section 171.031.3 and replace  
2 these sections with a new section 171.031.2.  
3  
4 **Key Terms:**  
5 Public School”, an institution where instruction is given, especially to  
6 persons under age, and institution for instruction in a particular skill or  
7 field, a college or university, a regular course of meetings of a teacher  
8 or teachers and students for instruction; program of instruction, a  
9 session of a course.  
10 “Summer”, the period of time from Memorial to Labor Day.  
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12  
13 **Proposal for Action:** An amendment to require all schools in the state  
14 of Missouri to have a start date after the first of September and a end  
15 date on or before the last day of May. Each individual school board will  
16 determine school start date, breaks, and ending date as long as the  
17 dates comply with the new section 171.031.2.  
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20 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect before the 2012-2013 school  
21 year as defined by the bill.  
22  
23 **Justification:** Having schools start after the first of September would  
24 prevent students from going to schools and riding the buses in the heat  
25 of August. Students would be more likely to do their homework and  
26 excel academically because it being fall weather they would not have the  
27 temptation of being outside at pools or participating in other summer  
28 activities resulting in incomplete assignments. It would also prevent high  
29 school sport teams from starting training in August leading to increased  
30 ailments due to the heat, and from practicing at unusual hours making it

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31 difficult for some students to find rides. Also a start date after the first  
 32 of September would allow families to vacation in August, as well as  
 33 allowing students to work at tourist attractions in the summer, which  
 34 bring in revenue for the state.

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 36  
 37 **Expected Results:** Students would be safer and have a more  
 38 appropriately timed summer. More revenue would be brought in for the  
 39 state because students would be able to work longer at tourist  
 40 attractions and pools.  
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<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-050 COMMITTEE C</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Nick Ward Drew Litschgi
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to restrict the hours that telemarketers are allowed to contact Missouri Residents.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 13, RSMo, is amended and a new section is added  
 2 regarding the period during which telemarketers are allowed to contact  
 3 Missouri Residents.

4  
 5 **Key Terms:**

6 **Telemarketer:** Under Section 407.1070 of the 2000 Revised Statutes of  
 7 Missouri, a telemarketer is "any person, or any recorded, computer-  
 8 generated, electronically generated or other voice communication of any  
 9 kind, who, in connection with telemarketing, initiates or receives  
 10 telephone calls to or from a consumer. A telemarketer includes, but is  
 11 not limited to, any such person that is an owner, operator, officer,  
 12 director or partner to the management activities of a business."

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 14 **Telemarketing:** defined Under Section 407.1070 of the 2000 Revised  
 15 Statutes of Missouri "a plan, program or campaign which is conducted to  
 16 induce the purchase or lease of merchandise by use of one or more  
 17 telephones and which involves more than one telephone call.

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 19 **Telephone solicitation:** defined by Section 407.1095(3) as "any voice  
 20 communication over a telephone line from a live operator, through the  
 21 use of ADAD equipment or by other means for the purpose of  
 22 encouraging the purchase or rental of, or investment in, property, goods  
 23 or services, but does not include communications:

- 24 (a) To any residential subscriber with that subscriber's prior express  
 25 invitation or permission;
- 26 (b) By or on behalf of any person or entity with whom a residential  
 27 subscriber has had a business contact within the past one hundred  
 28 eighty days or a current business or personal relationship;
- 29 (c) By or on behalf of an entity organized pursuant to Chapter 501(c)(3)  
 30 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, while such entity is engaged  
 31 in fund raising to support the charitable purpose for which the entity

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32 was established provided that a bona fide member of such exempt  
33 organization makes the voice communication;  
34 (d) By or on behalf of any entity over which a federal agency has  
35 regulatory authority to the extent that:  
36 a. Subject to such authority, the entity is required to maintain a license,  
37 permit or certificate to sell or provide the merchandise being offered  
38 through telemarketing; and  
39 b. The entity is required by law or rule to develop and maintain a no-call  
40 list;  
41 (e) By a natural person responding to a referral, or working from his or  
42 her primary residence, or a person licensed by the state of Missouri to  
43 carry out a trade, occupation or profession who is setting or attempting  
44 to set an appointment for actions relating to that licensed trade,  
45 occupation or profession within the state or counties contiguous to the  
46 state."  
47 Missouri No Call List: a list of residential telephone numbers of  
48 Missourians who have indicated to the Attorney General's Office that  
49 they don't want to be called by telemarketers at their homes. The law  
50 prohibits telemarketers from calling households on the list, with some  
51 exceptions that have been written into the law.  
52 (A) "ADAD," also known as "automatic dialing and announcing device,"  
53 means any device or system of devices which is used, whether alone or  
54 in conjunction with other equipment, for the purposes of automatically  
55 selecting or dialing telephone numbers and disseminating recorded  
56 messages to the numbers so selected or dialed.  
57 (C) "Business contact" means a specific oral or written communication  
58 at a verifiable date and time  
59 (E) "Person" exclusively for the purposes of section 407.1095(2), RSMo  
60 means a natural person who has reached the legal age set forth in  
61 section 431.055, RSMo, as amended, and authorized by the residential  
62 subscriber to grant telephone solicitors express invitation or permission  
63 to call the residential subscriber's telephone number; and if the  
64 residential subscriber has not reached the legal age, set forth in section  
65 431.055, RSMo, as amended, person shall mean his or her parent or  
66 legal guardian.  
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69 **Proposal for Action:** After August 28, Telemarketers will not be  
70 allowed to contact Missouri Residents through telephone solicitation  
71 except on weekdays between the hours of 9am and 5pm.  
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73 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect on August 28, 2012.  
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75 **Justification:** Many people are bothered early in the morning or late at  
76 night by telemarketers. Telephone solicitation infringes on the privacy  
77 and time of Missouri Residents. This would be prevented by prohibiting  
78 telephone solicitation on weekends and outside of the hours of 9am-  
79 5pm.  
80  
81 **Expected Results:** This bill will prevent telemarketers from bothering  
82 people whose telephone numbers are not on the Missouri no-call list  
83 during inappropriate hours and decrease frustrations with intrusive  
84 telemarketing calls. It will also help telemarketers in that people will be  
85 less likely to join the Missouri no-call list because they are not bothered  
86 at odd hours or on weekends.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-061 COMMITTEE D**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Lauren Beckham Anna Goodson
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to repeal the Missouri state income tax for all Missouri state tax payers

1 **RSMo:** Missouri Taxes

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 "Missouri state income tax" is a term that describes any tax levied on  
5 income generated by individuals in the state of Missouri.

6 "Repeal" is a term that describes the elimination of the current tax  
7 collection process in the state of Missouri.

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10 **Proposal for Action:** The levy and collection of an income tax will be  
11 discontinued immediately. This will apply to all individuals that both  
12 work and live within the borders of the state of Missouri. In addition, an  
13 income tax return will no longer need to be filed on an annual basis for  
14 individuals working and living in the state of Missouri.

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16 **Effective Date:** The effective date will be April 15, 2013

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18 **Justification:** Having our current income tax has prevented  
19 corporations and businesses from relocating to our state. The passage  
20 of this bill will be beneficial to the state of Missouri for two significant  
21 reasons. First, the repeal of the income tax will allow individuals to keep  
22 6% of their income and their individual possession. Individuals will now  
23 have a greater spending ability and net worth, increasing the growth  
24 potential of the state of Missouri. The repeal of the income tax will  
25 create greater job growth and more employment opportunities for the  
26 people of Missouri. The reason why is that corporations and small  
27 businesses that are currently located in higher tax states, will relocate  
28 in the state of Missouri because their employees and management will  
29 not be paying the onerous income tax. Instead, the small businesses  
30 and corporations will keep the 6% tax on their income and reinvest it in  
31 their companies, thusly created more job opportunites and larger

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32 companies within the state borders. The elimination of state income tax  
33 will also allow individuals to keep more of their earnings.

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35 **Expected Results:** Missouri is currently in the bottom 25% of growth  
36 states. By repealing the income tax and attracting more businesses, the  
37 expected results will be to push Missouri into the upper tier of growth  
38 states. Evidence of this job growth and state wealth growth can be seen  
39 in the states of Texas and Florida, where they currently have no income  
40 tax. As cited in the wall street journal, Texas has created over half of  
41 the new job growth in the United States in the past two years. This is a  
42 direct result of having no income tax on corporations and individuals in  
43 the state. Missouri should be expected to follow the same path with the  
44 repeal of an income tax.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-062 COMMITTEE D	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Elliott Green Mason Welsh
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act in order to lower the age of the consumption of alcoholic beverages from 21 years to 18 years of age

- 1 **RSMo:** Section 631-010, RSMo, is amended and a new section  
2 regarding the lowering of the drinking age  
3  
4 **Key Terms:**  
5 Alcoholic beverages: any drink containing alcoholic products such as  
6 beer, vodka, wine, gin, whiskey, ect.  
7  
8 **Proposal for Action:** This law is an attempt to give more rights to the  
9 adults of Missouri. In addition, it would decrease the number of  
10 alcoholics because when introduced to alcohol at a young are, the  
11 chance at becoming an alcoholic becomes greatly decreased  
12  
13 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012  
14  
15 **Justification:** At age 18 Missouri residents are legally an adult,  
16 allowing them to vote, own property, enlist in the military, purchase  
17 tobacco related products, and sign legal documents.  
18  
19 **Expected Results:** Less arrest for Minor In Possession charges, along  
20 with a higher tax for anyone from the age of 18-21

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-063 COMMITTEE D	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Missy Kohl Kristen Harder
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Cut it Out

- 1 **RSMo:** Chapter 566  
2 Sexual Offenses  
3 Section 566.032  
4  
5 **Key Terms:**  
6 castration: 1. To remove the testicles of (a male); geld or emasculate.  
7 2. To remove the ovaries of (a female); spay.  
8 first degree: the actor inflicts serious physical injury on any person,  
9 displays a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument in a  
10 threatening manner, subjects the victim to sexual intercourse or deviate  
11 sexual intercourse with more than one person, or the victim is less than  
12 twelve years of age.  
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14 **Proposal for Action:** The punishment of statutory rape within the first  
15 degree of a child who is 14 and younger, states that the penalized will  
16 recieve life or not less than 10 years imprisonment, according to  
17 Chapter 566/ Sexual Offenses/ Section 566.032. Our revision of this  
18 punishment states that the penalized, after serving 10 or more years,  
19 will recieve castration under any circumstances.  
20  
21 **Effective Date:** April 29, 2015  
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23 **Justification:** Under our act it will be physically impossible to  
24 impregnate. To support us, we have found that there is a similiar law in  
25 Russia that states "From now on people found guilty of sex crimes  
26 against children under the age of 14 will face chemical castration, while  
27 repeat offenders face a life sentence." We found that removing the  
28 chemical aspect of their law will eliminate the punishment from being  
29 cruel and unusal.  
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31 **Expected Results:** There would be a decrease in abortion rates  
32 because there would be less unplanned teenage pregnancies.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-064 COMMITTEE D**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Ian Marino Shelby Sample
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lindbergh High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to convert all high schools from the usage of paper books to electronic reading devices.

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**Expected Results:** There would be a significant decrease in the weight of backpacks throughout students, creating better back health for the children in the future. Overall, school districts would reduce the amount of money spent on books with the electronic reading devices, and also help the environment by using less paper.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 177, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
2 regarding the purchase of electronic reading devices.

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4 **Key Terms:**  
5 "Electronic reading devices" would be any device that allows for  
6 electronic versions of school books to be uploaded and stored such as  
7 the eBook, Kindle, or NOOK.

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9 **Proposal for Action:** All high school students shall be provided by their  
10 school with an electronic reading device to eliminate the need for all  
11 hardcopy books. The reading devices would be used in classes as a  
12 substitute to the physical copy of the book, but a classroom set of  
13 books would still remain. If a student should damage or misplace the  
14 device, they would be given a fine that would equal the value of the  
15 device. The normal protocol for unpaid fines would be used if the  
16 student should fail to pay. The funds usually used towards buying new  
17 books and replacing old ones would now be used towards purchasing  
18 the reading devices.

19  
20 **Effective Date:** School districts will be given 5 years, 2012 to 2017, to  
21 make the conversion.

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23 **Justification:** Eliminating the need of hard copy books would reduce  
24 the amount of weight the students would have to carry, which would  
25 help reduce long term back problems in the future. Students would only  
26 be responsible for carrying the reading device, as opposed to multiple  
27 books, which could easily weigh up to five pounds each. Over the  
28 course of the year, damages to the books would require the schools to  
29 replace them as well as when the information becomes outdated. With  
30 reading devices, this costly requirement could be avoided as new  
31 versions can easily be uploaded.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-065 COMMITTEE D**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Annie Niemann Ellie Bisig
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	act to make school year round for schools that do not meet the academic standards

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32 in school. Fewer students will drop out because they will be in school for  
33 the whole year, and they will not have the three months in the summer  
34 to decide that they do not want to continue with school.

1 **RSMo:** 161.365

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Academic Standards are the skills and knowledge base expected of  
5 students for a particular subject area at a particular grade level.  
6 Accreditation is the act of granting credit or recognition, especially with  
7 respect to educational institution that maintains suitable standards.

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10 **Proposal for Action:** All public school districts that have not met ten  
11 or more academic standards during the school year will have to go to  
12 school year-round until they can meet at least ten standards. They will  
13 have two week breaks every two months. This will require funding from  
14 and will be enforced by the Missouri Department of Elementary and  
15 Secondary Education

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17 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect at the beginning of the fall  
18 semester of the 2012-2013 school year or August 27, 2012.

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20 **Justification:** On September 20, numbers were released that showed  
21 that 6 out of 14 standards had been met by the St. Louis Public Schools.  
22 This many standards have not been met since 2006. St. Louis County  
23 Schools are trying to regain their accreditation, which was lost in 2007.  
24 Some of the standards that were met this year that were not previously  
25 met included attendance, ACT scores, and graduation rates. This bill will  
26 help the public school systems regain all of their credibility because they  
27 will be working towards meeting more than 70% of the standards.

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29 **Expected Results:** It is expected that this bill will help kids learn more,  
30 and stay busy and have their time occupied. Grades and test scores will  
31 increase. The graduation rate will increase, and more students will stay

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-066 COMMITTEE D	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sonja Perry
<b>Delegation:</b>	Bowling Green High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Amendment to keep our streams "butt" free.

1 **RSMo:** Amendment to Chapter 577 Section 577.073  
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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Tobacco Products- including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes,  
5 and chewing tobacco  
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8 **Proposal for Action:** Smoking or use of any tobacco products within  
9 100 feet of a stream bank or while in a stream within a state park is  
10 prohibited and punishable by a fine up to \$500.  
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13 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012  
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15 **Justification:** Smoking is a harmful behavior that some may choose to  
16 participate in. However, it is not only the harmful second-hand smoke  
17 and annoying smells that cause problems for others, who are trying to  
18 enjoy the state's beautiful state parks. Another major problem that is  
19 caused is cigarette butts and tobacco byproducts are entering our  
20 streams. Not only does this affect the beauty and preservation of our  
21 state parks, it can be life threatening to our state's diverse wildlife  
22 when they consume any of these products.

23 In an enclosed space, such as a restaurant, other patrons are given the  
24 option to avoid smoking. However, while trout fishing or enjoying other  
25 recreational activities near our streams, users are not given this option.  
26 MO state parks would have another benefit that tourist may look at  
27 when choosing our state parks as their vacation spot.  
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30 **Expected Results:** States streams will become cleaner. Fishers and  
31 other visitors to our parks who use the streams will enjoy a smoke free  
32 environment. It will allow for greater preservation of our beautiful state  
33 parks.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-067 COMMITTEE D	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Erika Pierson Calvin Lippert
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Stricter Parole and Probation for those who commit serious crimes and violent actions.

1 **RSMo:** RSMo559  
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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Parole Probation Strict Violent Drug Addict Mentally Unstable  
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6 **Proposal for Action:**

7 The Probation and Parole Board in Missouri will only grant parole if the  
8 convict, committed a nonviolent crime, has shown they are a well  
9 rounded member of society who needs no form of training, rehabilitation  
10 or guidance and if they have permitted no past violent offenses. Those  
11 who will not be eligible for probation or parole: Violent offenders,  
12 repeat offenders, those whose metal reports shows definite need for  
13 improvement or counseling, who upon entry had drugs, drug  
14 paraphernalia or weapons of any kind, show they have a dangerous  
15 mental defect or have expressed a dangerous, mental defect and those  
16 who have a high possibility of being returned to jail for a similar crime  
17 or a higher level crime.  
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20 **Effective Date:** January 1st, 2012  
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22 **Justification:** People have been released from prison early or not even  
23 sent to prison even after committing a violent crime or who show the  
24 have the definite charchteristicsn of someone to commit a violent crime  
25 in the future. A man was put on parole afetr murdering a woman and  
26 soon after escaped his pafrole officer went on a violent rampage killing  
27 20 or so people  
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29 **Expected Results:** Fewer crimes, Less reports of violent crime and  
30 lessmoney spent following parolees

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-068 COMMITTEE D**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Bre'Elle Rayner Taylor McCoy
<b>Delegation:</b>	Monsanto YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Recycling plan for all of Missouri.

1 **RSMo:** adding a section to RSMo 260

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 Recycling

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7 **Proposal for Action:** Recycling plan for all of Missouri. Materials that  
8 will be recycled are steel, aluminum, plastic, paper products,  
9 chemical/hazardous waste, electronic waste, and nuclear waste. This will  
10 conserve energy, reduce pollution, conserve land, and save money.  
11 Missouri Resources will assist various municipalities by organizing  
12 recycling arrangements inclusive of delivering recycling bins to be placed  
13 in specific "drop-off" locations. They are authorized to enforce this law.

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17 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect August 28, 2013

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19 **Justification:** Other materials may not be as expensive to replace, but  
20 they are recycled to conserve energy, reduce pollution, conserve land,  
21 and save money. Recycling conserves natural resources by reducing the  
22 need for new materials. It saves energy by reducing the need to process  
23 new material, which usually requires more energy than the recycling  
24 process. Recycling reduces pollution because recycling a product creates  
25 less pollution than producing a new one. Recycling in the short term is  
26 not always economically profitable or a break-even financial operation.  
27 However, that the economic consequences of recycling are positive in  
28 the long term.

29 Of the electricity generation in Missouri in 2005, 90% came from  
30 steam-driven power plants principally burning coal 9% came from a

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31 nuclear power plant, and 1% came from hydroelectric power plant.  
32 Missouri environmental protection program are managed by the state  
33 department of natural resources. In 2006 Missouri contained 26  
34 hazardous waste sites given a national priority for cleanup due to their  
35 severity or proximity to people. The total toxic chemical emitted into the  
36 environment was reduced by 6% in the period 1995-2000.

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40 **Expected Results:** Environmentally friendly  
41 Creating a habit that will help the future  
42 Less Waste

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-069 COMMITTEE D**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Leah Sauerwein Brooke Callahan
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Missouri Redemption Value

1 **RSMo:** Section 260-1089

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Distributor any company selling and distributing product in the qualified  
5 aluminum, glass, plastic and bi-metal bottle.

6 Retailer and company who buys from a distributor and sells directly to  
7 consumer (ex. grocery stores)

8 Container-deposit legislation is any law that requires collection of a  
9 monetary deposit on soft-drink, juice, milk, water, alcoholic-beverage,  
10 and/or other containers at the point of sale.

11 MRV is the Missouri Redemption Value acronym.

12 Landfill: a site for the disposal of waste materials by burial and is the  
13 oldest form of waste treatment.

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15 **Proposal for Action:** The Missouri Redemption Value is a 5¢ fee paid  
16 on purchases of certain recyclable beverage containers in Missouri. The  
17 charge for MRV is not a deposit, but a fee imposed on the distributor of  
18 the beverage. The fee is passed along to the retailer and then to the  
19 consumer. Although separately stated, the fee is subject to tax as part  
20 of the taxable selling price of the beverage. The symbol on beverage  
21 containers eligible for reimbursement is "MO MRV". A 1¢ fee is non-  
22 refundable in order to support the costs of Missouri's recycling and  
23 program administration, as well as communal curbside recycling  
24 programs. Consumers can be reimbursed if the containers are brought to  
25 a recycling center.

26 MRV is paid on the following types of beverages:

27 Carbonated and non carbonated water

28 Carbonated and non carbonated soft drinks and sport drinks

29 Coffee and tea drinks

30 Beer and other malt beverages

31 100% fruit juice in containers smaller than 46 fl oz.

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33 MRV is not paid on the following:

34 Milk, white or flavored

35 Medical food

36 Infant formula

37 Wine

38 Distilled spirits

39 100% fruit juice in containers 46 fl oz or more

40 100% vegetable juice in containers more than 16 fl oz

41 Products not in liquid or "ready to drink" form

42 Products not intended for human consumption

43 Containers not made of glass, metal, or plastic

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45 **Effective Date:** This bill will be put into action January 1, 2012

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47 **Justification:** to encourage recycling and complement existing curbside  
48 recycling programs

49 to specifically reduce beverage container litter along highways, in lakes  
50 and rivers, and on other public or private properties

51 to extend the usable lifetime of taxpayer-supported community or  
52 regional landfills

53 to protect children by reducing the likelihood of glass lacerations

54 States including California and Hawaii have similar laws in place

55 to lower the cost of waste-hauling

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57 **Expected Results:** Increased statewide recycling rate of aluminum,  
58 plastic, and glass beverage containers

59 Reduces litter

60 Provides fundraising opportunities for community organizations and  
61 schools

62 Initiated new recycling habits overall

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-070 COMMITTEE D**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Brittany Schenk
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to itemize an animal adoption from the Humane Society as a non-business, personal contribution for tax deductible purposes.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 143, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
2 regarding tax deductibles on animals.

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 "Tax deductible" is defined as noting an item the value or cost of which  
6 is deductible from the gross amount on which a tax is calculated.

7 "Animal shelter" is defined as a facility that seeks to provide a  
8 caring, safe environment to homeless, lost, or abandoned animals until  
9 another home can be found; primarily a large variety of dogs and cats.

10 "Animal euthanasia" is defined as the process of painlessly  
11 putting an animal to death- typically through intravenous injection.

12 "Forever home" is defined as an adopter who agrees to be  
13 responsible for the animal its entire life.

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16 **Proposal for Action:** When an animal of any species is adopted from an  
17 animal shelter, the owner would be able to file the adoption as a non-  
18 business, personal tax deductible on their tax return. The tax deductible  
19 would be valued relevant to the fair market value and according to the  
20 required expense of the animal. The adopter must then be deemed as,  
21 and make a pledge to be, a safe, responsible pet owner and provide a  
22 forever home to the animal in order to qualify for the tax deduction.

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24 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect January 1, 2013.

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26 **Justification:** Millions of pets are added to homes yearly, yet it is  
27 reported that only 20% of these animals were adopted from local  
28 shelters; the other percentage comes from pet stores, breeders, puppy  
29 mills, or other sources. The Humane Society of the United States  
30 estimates that animal shelters care and humanely provide for 6-8  
31 million cats and dogs every year, in which around 4 million are

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32 euthanized due to the limited amount space in each facility and the lack  
33 of findable owners. The enactment of this bill will encourage others to  
34 choose adoption over buying from breeders or pet stores. Adoption is  
35 also often cheaper than buying, and the animal already comes  
36 spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and perfectly healthy.  
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38 **Expected Results:** The lives of millions of animals will be spared yearly  
39 as adoption rates increase, while the support of puppy mills will decline  
40 over time.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY****HOUSE: # H-081 COMMITTEE E**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Ryan Bearden Davis Williams
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to Reform the Perimeters of Missouri Resident's Reception of Welfare

1 **RSMo:** Bill to replace Section 208-700 of current Missouri RSMo

2  
3 **Key Terms:**

4 TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Welfare system in  
5 which the national government has set general guidelines, with given the  
6 right to administer and determine the eligibility for benefits. The Act  
7 provides temporary financial assistance while aiming to get people off  
8 of that assistance, primarily through employment.

9 Welfare- Financial assistance given to families falling beneath the  
10 poverty line.

11 Dependent- Person living within a tax payer's household for whom the  
12 household owner can declare on tax returns to receive a decreased  
13 income tax rate.

14 Work skill training- Classes in which pupils are instructed in order to  
15 make them more capable of attaining and maintaining a job. Includes  
16 personal attitude, cooperation, and unskilled physical labor training. Ran  
17 by Public officials at current welfare offices throughout the state.

18 Application Process- The total completion of job applications, including  
19 follow-up interviews if the hiring company wishes to do so.

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21 **Proposal for Action:** Require all recipients of welfare from the state of  
22 Missouri to complete applications of a minimum of 2 jobs per week.  
23 Recipients must also attend 6 hour work-skill training sessions every  
24 weekday, until the recipient has a job. Also, an individual with no tax  
25 dependents can remain on welfare for a maximum of 2 consecutive  
26 years, and may use the system for four years overall throughout their  
27 life. An individual using this system can gain an additional year to their  
28 benefits for every tax dependent they have.

29 If an individual is convicted of any crime or misdemeanor, excluding  
30 minor traffic violations, the individual will lose one year of their  
31 coverage. All individuals under this plan will receive a free bus pass

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32 within the confines of their welfare time constraints. Individuals not  
33 attending classes for 2 days straight, or 4 out of ten days, without  
34 wavier of consent from class supervisor, under any circumstance will be  
35 formally warned by an administrator. If the recipient fails to meet these  
36 standards a second time they will be placed on a probationary period  
37 from their benefits until they rectify the jobs search process. If the  
38 individual does not comply to the requirements, they will loose all  
39 welfare benefits. If an individual receives employment through this  
40 system that would put their monthly income above current poverty  
41 levels, he or she will cease to receive welfare benefits. If an individual  
42 meets TANF requirements, in that they are responsible for at least one  
43 child under the age of 19 or pregnant, but does not meet requirements  
44 of the proposed system, then they will loose welfare benefits except for  
45 food stamps. Those with dependents within this program will have  
46 childcare subsidized, in which there is day care available at the place of  
47 job training classes during the hours of job skill classes. This act will be  
48 funded by reduction in welfare spending through those completing or  
49 not meeting requirements for the program, increased tax revenue  
50 through successful participants finding employment, and a one tenth of  
51 one percent increase of casino revenue tax.

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53 **Effective Date:** January 1st, 2012

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55 **Justification:** In trying to counteract the economic recession, strategic  
56 and comprehensive action to aid unemployed citizens to reach a  
57 sustainable standard of living is imperative. The best way to counter  
58 poverty is to promote effort on the part of the impoverished individual  
59 while aiding them through difficult times. Allowing limitless aid without  
60 effort on the part of the individual does not provide motivation for  
61 leaving the welfare program. Only through proper training and effort on  
62 the part of every individual within this system can we hope to create an  
63 economically sustainable and appropriate solution to counteract  
64 poverty. In doing this, citizens of Missouri can rest assured that their  
65 tax dollars are being used properly and efficiently with the aid of needy  
66 Missourians.

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68 **Expected Results:** We intend this bill to annihilate the dormant poverty  
69 stricken community in the state of Missouri. Through this bill, program  
70 participants will learn their true capacity to achieve a stable income and  
71 have economic independence. By reducing received benefits of those  
72 unwilling to meet the program's standards, we will end a freeloading

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73 attitude on the part of participants. The hardworking and determined  
74 participants of this program will achieve occupational status and  
75 complete assistance necessary to complete the program effectively. We  
76 firmly believe that this bill can produce a growth of hard working  
77 Missourians, whol while helping themselves can also stabilize Missouri's  
78 economy.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-082 COMMITTEE E</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jami Brandow
<b>Delegation:</b>	Mexico YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to prohibit smoking in vehicles that contain minors.

1 **RSMo:** New Law  
2 196.845

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 **Secondhand Smoke:** Tobacco smoke that is exhaled by a smoker or is  
6 given off by burning tobacco and is inhaled by persons nearby called  
7 also passive smoke

8 **Primary Offense:** An offense for which a driver can be pulled over solely  
9 for that violation alone.

10 **Secondary Offense:** An offense for which a driver or passenger can  
11 receive a citation but only after a driver has been pulled over for a  
12 primary offense.

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14 **Proposal for Action:** A law to be put into effect that allows law  
15 enforcement officers the authority to pull over vehicles that contain  
16 individual smokers with minors present in the vehicle.

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18 **Effective Date:** February 5, 2012

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20 **Justification:** Smoking in vehicles with minors will predispose them to  
21 problems caused by secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke will cause  
22 bronchitis, lung cancer, frequent colds and asthma. When a child is  
23 exposed to tobacco smoke, his lungs will become irritated and produce  
24 more mucus than normal. Since children's airways are smaller, the side  
25 effects of secondhand smoke affect them faster and can also affect lung  
26 function later in life. Children of parents who smoke are also more likely  
27 to develop lung and sinus infections. These infections can make asthma  
28 symptoms worse and more difficult to control. Secondhand smoke can  
29 also harm and unborn child in many ways. Nicotine, the addictive  
30 substance in tobacco products, is carried through the mother's  
31 bloodstream directly into the baby. Smoking in a vehicle with minors will

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32 greatly affect children. The smoke is being trapped inside the car which  
33 exposes the minors to secondhand smoke.  
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35 **Expected Results:** People in the state of Missouri will not be allowed  
36 to smoke in vehicles with minors in the vehicle.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-083 COMMITTEE E	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Spencer Foust
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act allocating 5% of state traffic ticket revenues for the state's education budget.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 165 Section 165.021 is revised to include additional  
2 funding for the state's education budget with the aforementioned  
3 allocation of state traffic ticket revenue (from federal highways).  
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5 **Key Terms:**

6 An educational "Fund" as defined in section 166.201, RSMo, is the  
7 Missouri access to higher level education within financial means.  
8

9 **Proposal for Action:** 5% of the Missouri State Highway traffic ticket  
10 revenue will be allocated to the state's educational budget. These  
11 increases of an estimated 50,000 per year will be added to the state  
12 provided budget annually (payment date varies per school district).  
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14 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.  
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16 **Justification:** Each year students and teachers find themselves in  
17 predicaments that stem from a common issue in this country- financial  
18 distress. Whether a teacher's salary can't be maintained, or funding is  
19 taken from extracurricular activities, there is no doubt that a larger sum  
20 of funding for districts state-wide would raise opportunities of  
21 incredible proportions. Through the allocation of a mere 5% of our  
22 traffic ticket revenue, these districts can help regain their lost teachers,  
23 update their equipment, and possibly even open up new opportunities  
24 for these students who've slowly been deprived of their potential  
25 educational experience. 50,000 (the aforementioned 5%) can bring  
26 about numerous possibilities as it is divided amongst district's and  
27 educational program funding- because as some districts watch as their  
28 gifted programs fall while their sports programs can afford gargantuan  
29 1.6 million dollar football fields, this increase will bring about a deeper  
30 change than it may in its utilization in road-side construction jobs that  
31 could very well take years to even begin taking their miniscule effect.  
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33 **Expected Results:** With the 50 thousand dollar increase in the current  
34 state provided educational funding for all state school districts, several  
35 programs, equipment, and extra-curricular activities will be given  
36 another chance to remain an open opportunity in students educational  
37 careers with thanks to their new-found financial support.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-084 COMMITTEE E	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Erin Kilfoy Anna Brodersen
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Plastic Bag Recycle Act

1 **RSMo:** Section 260-1089

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Waste reduction, plastic waste, consumer education, distributor

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6 **Proposal for Action:** Government will place a \$0.10 fee for every  
7 plastic bag used by a distributing company. The distributing company  
8 may charge the consumer this fee. Once the consumer purchases the  
9 bags, they can bring their bags back to recycling centers to receive  
10 \$0.05 back. The other \$0.05 will go to the recycling centers recycling  
11 the plastic bags which are returned.

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13 **Effective Date:** This act will be effective January 1st, 2015

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15 **Justification:** Every year, Americans use approximately 1 billion  
16 shopping bags, creating 300,000 tons of landfill waste. After a tax was  
17 placed on plastic bags in San Francisco for 17 cents per bag. In terms  
18 of waste reduction, we can expect to see numbers of plastic waste cut  
19 down greatly. In about the 1990's the plastic bag idea shot up all  
20 around the country. Company's flourished with this new invention,  
21 however, our precious environment should not have to suffer as a result  
22 of the incline in business profits nationally. The same properties that  
23 have made plastic bags so commercially successful and ubiquitous  
24 namely their low weight and resistance to degradation have also  
25 contributed to their proliferation in the environment. Due to their  
26 durability, plastic bags can take up to 1000 years to decompose. As  
27 they slowly decompose, plastic bags break into tiny pieces and leach  
28 toxic chemicals into soils, lakes, rivers, and oceans. And as of today  
29 they are the number one of the most prevalent types of litter in  
30 inhabited areas across the world. As these plastic bags inhabit different  
31 wildlife areas, they pose bigger and more serious threats to the well  
32 being of the animals.

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34 Facts and information such as this can better educate consumers so  
35 they can be motivated to make better decisions when it comes to  
36 recycling their plastic waste. If us Americans can begin to take steps  
37 towards a cleaner environment, we can begin to take steps towards  
38 preserving our wildlife and minimizing the airborne pollution caused by  
39 producers of these simple unnecessary advantages and save money in  
40 the process.

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42 Plastic bags are either restricted or completely banned in over a  
43 quarter of the world's countries. Belgium, Italy, Ireland and Hong Kong  
44 have legislation discouraging the use and encouraging the recycling of  
45 plastic bags by imposing a fixed or minimum levy for the supply of  
46 plastic bags or obliging retailers to recycle. Italy banned plastic bags  
47 entirely in January 2011. In other jurisdictions, including Bangladesh,  
48 South Africa, Thailand and three states/territories of Australia, plastic  
49 bags are banned. If other countries are taking steps to a cleaner  
50 environment, then there is no reason that the United States Government  
51 should not be as well.

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53 **Expected Results:** If the government is able to better motivate the  
54 distributors of the plastic bags to enforce recycling of them, then we  
55 have successfully contributed in steps towards a cleaner environment.  
56 Reduce the amount of plastic waste in landfills, healthier wildlife,  
57 cleaner environment, growth in use of more durable. Heavy duty plastic  
58 shopping bags are suitable for reuse as reusable shopping bags. Lighter  
59 weight bags are often reused as bin bags (trash bags) or to pick up pet  
60 dung. All types of plastic shopping bag can be recycled into new bags  
61 where effective collection schemes exist.

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63 Since Internet rumors started to claim that the Environmental  
64 Protection Agency had reported only 1% of plastic bags were recycled,  
65 significant attention resulted in a 700% growth in the recycling industry  
66 as new capacity led to a 7% rate. This resulted in more than 800 million  
67 lbs of bags and other film being recycled in 2007 alone. Each ton of  
68 recycled plastic bags saves the energy equivalent of 11 barrels of oil,  
69 although most bags are produced from natural gas derived stock. In  
70 light of an Australian study showing more than 60% of bags are reused  
71 as bin liners and for other purposes, the 7% recycling rate accounts for  
72 17.5% of bags available for recycling. As these are just predictions and

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73 statistics from other recent studies, it is only something that we can  
74 hope for as this bill is put into action.

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<b>Introduced by:</b>	Ian McCann
<b>Delegation:</b>	Columbia
<b>Type:</b>	A Joint Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	A Joint Resolution defining Marriage as between two consenting adults.

1 **RSMo:** Missouri Constitution  
2 Article 1  
3 Section 33  
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5 **Key Terms:**

6 Marriage: The formal union of two people, as recognized by law.  
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9 **Proposal for Action:** Starting January 1st 2012 marriage shall be  
10 redefined in the Missouri constitution from "Only between a man and a  
11 woman" to "Between two consenting adults." This will allow marriages to  
12 not only be carried out between a man and a woman but also between  
13 two men or two women.  
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15 These married couples MUST receive all the rights and privileges that  
16 are granted to traditional married couples, there must be no  
17 discrimination among heterosexual couples and their homosexual  
18 counterparts.  
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20 Any laws in place regarding limitations to marriage (for example  
21 minimum age requirement) shall remain in place, this resolution shall not  
22 change any other pieces of legislation pertaining to marriage.  
23

24 Religious institutions will maintain the right to refuse service to any  
25 couple they wish not to marry, regardless of the reason.  
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27 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012  
28

29 **Justification:** The two most important values we hold as Americans are  
30 Freedom and Justice, we believe that our state is and should be totally  
31 just and that freedom should be granted to all individuals regardless of  
32 their differences. Our nation and our state was built on the idea that

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33 "All men are created equal." There is however a grave injustice going on  
34 in this state and that is the discrimination against homosexual couples  
35 who wish to be married. It is unfair and does not hold with the values of  
36 our state that one group is privileged above another. The fact that the  
37 state of Missouri does not allow the same freedoms to be granted to all  
38 people is a disgrace to the history of our state and nation.  
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40 If we continue to deny equal rights to our gay brothers and sisters then  
41 we will only be promoting fear, and hate. We must protect equality  
42 among all our citizens.  
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44 **Expected Results:** The legalization of marriage between consenting  
45 adults would promote brotherhood and understand among different  
46 groups of people, it would decrease violence against homosexual  
47 Missourians. It would also bring in huge amounts of revenue to the  
48 state's economy because of couples coming here from around the mid-  
49 west to get married.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-086 COMMITTEE E	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jared Melton
<b>Delegation:</b>	Mexico YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act related to salvage titles and the policies regarding their renewals.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 301 is amended and a new section is creating regarding  
2 the renewing of car titles.

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 A Salvage Title is issued on a vehicle damaged to the extent that the  
6 cost of repairing the vehicle exceeds ~ 75% of its pre-damage value.  
7 This damage threshold may vary by state.  
8 ([www.carfax.com/Definitions/Glossary.cfm](http://www.carfax.com/Definitions/Glossary.cfm))  
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10 **Proposal for Action:** All vehicle owners must renew their vehicle's title  
11 should it receive a salvage title within 30 days of being notified of the  
12 vehicle's new salvage title status, and may not sell the vehicle until the  
13 title is updated appropriately. Anyone who sells a salvage-titled vehicle  
14 with a normal, non-salvage title will be held liable, and can be sued by  
15 the vehicle's purchaser for losses.

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17 **Effective Date:** January 1st, 2012

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19 **Justification:** This bill is designed to ensure clarity and honesty of  
20 sales between the vehicle owner and those who may wish to purchase  
21 the vehicle when dealing with the type of title the vehicle has.

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23 **Expected Results:** People who are looking to purchase a vehicle will  
24 know that they will be safe from non-updated titles that do not display  
25 the vehicle as receiving a salvage title.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-087 COMMITTEE E	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Fowzia Osman Trushna Pasupuleti
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	The Requirement of High School Graduation

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 167

2  
3 **Key Terms:**  
4 High School Diploma: Document issued by DESE that all education  
5 requirements have been met.  
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7 **Proposal for Action:** To require all persons to receive a high school  
8 diploma, GED or technical certificate by the age of twenty-five.  
9 Exemptions will be made by the Department of Elementary and  
10 Secondary Education for individuals with special education needs.

11  
12 **Effective Date:** August 1, 2012  
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14 **Justification:** In the United States of America 1.2 million high schoolers  
15 drop out. Drop outs commit 75% of crimes in America. With more  
16 people graduating, the total income per household would increase and  
17 cause crime rate to decrease. Additionally, high school drop outs make  
18 up half of the head of households that are on welfare; therefore, the  
19 requirement of highschool graduation would allow for more stable house  
20 environments.  
21

22 **Expected Results:** The necessity of welfare programs would decrease  
23 as well as the crime rate. Finally, the gross income of a household  
24 would increase.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-088 COMMITTEE E**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jane Shepherd Maggie Wilsdorf
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to stop manufacturers from using BPA in the production of baby bottles and sippy cups.

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32 for developing children, there will be no more health defects for infants  
33 or toddlers that is stemmed from being exposed to BPA through baby  
34 bottles and sippy cups.  
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1 **RSMo:** none

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 BPA: Bisphenol A, a controversial chemical widely used in plastics but  
5 increasingly linked to a range of health effects. It is used to make  
6 polycarbonate plastic and epoxy resins.

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8 **Proposal for Action:** All manufacturers of baby bottles and sippy cups  
9 shall be required to stop the production and selling of these materials  
10 made with BPA. This chemical is very harmful to infants and toddlers  
11 who use baby bottles and sippy cups and since they do not have the  
12 voice to speak up for themselves, we are proposing that BPA be banned  
13 from the manufacturing of baby bottles and sippy cups and a  
14 replacement material such as glass or stainless steel be used in place of  
15 it.

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17 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

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19 **Justification:**

20 BPA has been proven to cause health problems such as cancer,  
21 diabetes, hyperactivity, brain damage, and learning disabilities among  
22 others. There is no reason to continue the production of baby bottles  
23 and sippy cups with BPA because there are other materials that could  
24 take the place of BPA that don't pose a health risk to infants and  
25 toddlers. Some examples of substitute materials for BPA are glass,  
26 stainless steel, and polypropylene (PP).

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28 **Expected Results:**

29 With the ban of BPA use in baby bottle and sippy cup production, we  
30 expect that the health problems linked to this chemical will decrease  
31 over time. Better brain development for children and infants will occur

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**HOUSE: # H-089 COMMITTEE E**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Hudson Taylor
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Act to Entitle Home Owners Associations to be Tax Exempt

1 **RSMo:** Section 144.030, RSMo, is amended and a new section is  
2 created regarding Missouri Sales/Use Tax Exemption

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4 **Key Terms:**

5 "Sales and Use Tax"

6 "Exemptions from state and local sales and use taxes"

7 "non-business, non-commercial or non-industrial purposes"

8 "exempt or nonexempt based"

9 are defined in section 144.030, RSMo

10  
11 "rate classifications"

12 Are defined in the Missouri Public Service Commission

13  
14 "home owners associations"

15 Are defined by From 1746 Missouri Sales/Use Tax Exemption

16 Application

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19 **Proposal for Action:** All home owner associations will have exemptions  
20 from state and local sales and use taxes. Home owner associations will  
21 also be classified by the Utility Companies as non-business, non-  
22 commercial and non-industrial purposes. This exemption status will be  
23 enforced by the Missouri Department of Revenue and the rate  
24 classifications will be recognized by the Missouri Public Service  
25 Commission.

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27 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect on August 28, 2012.

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29 **Justification:** Home owner associations are being charged sales tax on  
30 all utility services and all purchases. However, home owners who are not  
31 part of a home owner association receive utilities (for such services as  
32 lighting public streets) that are tax exempt because the municipality

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33 pays for the utilities and they are classified as tax exempt. Home owner  
34 associations accomplish the same tasks that the municipalities do  
35 although the home owner associations are required to pay the sales tax  
36 on the utility. To remedy this inequality, all purchases of utility services  
37 made by home owner associations should also be tax exempt.

38 Home owners are currently considered non-residential, therefore they  
39 pay a higher utility rate. In order to rectify this incongruence, home  
40 owner associations need to be re-classified as non-business, non-  
41 commercial or non-industrial purposes.

42 In addition, home owner associations should enjoy tax exempt status  
43 for purchases of association goods just as other nonprofit  
44 organizations, such as cities, Boy Scouts, churches, etc.

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46  
47 **Expected Results:** Home owner associations will be considered exempt  
48 from state and local sales and use taxes. This will give tax free status  
49 for all retail purchases. This will also give tax free status to all utility  
50 services provided. In addition, this will ensure the rate classifications by  
51 utility companies of home owner associations into non-business, non-  
52 commercial and non-industrial purposes, thereby allowing home owner  
53 associations to not be classified as non-residential.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-090 COMMITTEE E**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sam Wolter Joe Weber
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act To Close the Gunshow Loophole

1 **RSMo:** RSMO 407.500b is amended and has this section added.  
2  
3 **Key Terms:**  
4 Gun show: Any temporary exhibition or gathering in which firearms,  
5 ammunition, firearm accessories, and/or other potentially weapons are  
6 sold, traded, or displayed.  
7 Firearm: A projectile weapon using cartridges, bullets, shells, etc.,  
8 including but not limited to shotguns, long rifles, handguns, carbines,  
9 and automatic weapons.  
10 National Instant Criminal Background Check System: Federal system that  
11 automatically checks potential gun purchasers for prior felony  
12 convictions that would make them ineligible to purchase a firearm.  
13 Maintained in part by the FBI.  
14 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act: A national law passed in 1993  
15 requiring all firearms purchasers in the United States to undergo a  
16 federal background check, namely the NICS.  
17 Form 4473: Federal firearms purchase form used in the NICS.  
18  
19 **Proposal for Action:** The state of Missouri firearms purchases,  
20 including both long rifles and handguns, at gun shows and all other  
21 types of weapons exhibitions will have to meet the standard National  
22 Instant Criminal Background Check System and Brady Handgun Violence  
23 Prevention Act procedures. Purchasers at these events will no longer be  
24 able to purchase any type of firearm without completing the already  
25 standard paperwork and background check. Any vendor who makes a  
26 sale without following the proper NICS, Brady Background Check, and/or  
27 Form 4473 procedures is subject to being prosecuted as a Missouri  
28 Class C felon. Local police forces, working in partnership with the ATF,  
29 will be responsible for policing gunshows and ensuring all dealers  
30 comply with these legal conditions.  
31  
32 **Effective Date:** Effective immediately upon passage.

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34 **Justification:** Citizens of Missouri, whether pro-gun or anti-gun, agree  
35 that guns should be kept out of the hands of criminals. Currently, the  
36 "gun show loophole" allows potential buyers a way to purchase a  
37 firearm in the state without going through any background check and  
38 without leaving any sort of paper trail. This law would not create any  
39 new levels of gun control or infringe on gun rights; it simply makes gun  
40 purchases at gun shows the same as those at legitimate gun shops. This  
41 law will also help those legitimate gun shops by leveling the play field;  
42 currently, gun stores follow the federal law and do background checks  
43 while gun shows offer a loophole and don't follow any set of guidelines.  
44  
45 **Expected Results:** The number of criminals illegally purchasing firearms  
46 will be decreased and the number of unregistered firearms on the street  
47 will decrease, all without the creation of any heavy-handed new gun  
48 laws. Gun-enthusiasts will still be able to attend and enjoy gun shows,  
49 which will also gain a better public image due to their more legitimate  
50 status.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-101 COMMITTEE F**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Mitchell Baer Christy Sust
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	A Joint Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Protection of Human Remains During Funerals

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 194, RSMo, is amended regarding to the enforcement of  
2 this respect and privacy.

3

4 **Key Terms:**

5 "Respect", the acknowledgement and execution of polite mannerisms  
6 such as, but are not limited to, picketing, protesting, disturbing,  
7 vandalizing, or damaging, of objects.

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9 "Human remains", refers to any once living body part of a deceased  
10 human being.

11

12 "Privacy", the respect of an individual or group that is void of unwanted  
13 disruption.

14

15 "Funeral gatherings", refers to any collection of people gathered to  
16 celebrate the life of a person who has died. Funeral gatherings may take  
17 place in, but are not limited to, places of worship, funeral homes.

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20 **Proposal for Action:** Any violation of this joint resolution will be  
21 subject to a class D felony, as stated in Section 194.410 1., RSMo. Any  
22 cause for suspicion for infringement of this joint resolution will be  
23 handled accordingly by the state law enforcement. State law  
24 enforcement will monitor social networking sites and any other means of  
25 public communication, not withholding the monitoring of specific groups  
26 or individuals that are suspected of future violations in said areas.

27

28 **Effective Date:** This joint resolution will take effect on January 1, 2012

29

30 **Justification:** According to the Westboro Baptist Church's webpage,  
31 the group has picketed at over 46,000 funerals and other events in over  
32 800 cities. The protests already come close to violating the current

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33 Missouri State Law in section 194.410 regarding the respect of human  
34 burial sites. In an attempt to further the respect of dignity of human  
35 remains this will simply protect the respect the remains deserve just as  
36 they would be in a morgue or burial site.

37

38 **Expected Results:** The number of acts of protests and public  
39 disturbances will fall significantly. The American people will no longer  
40 have to fear that the recognition of a loved one's life will be disrupted  
41 by unruly picketing and protesting. The dignity of a person's human  
42 remains will be respected not only in morgues and burial sites but also  
43 during funerals.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-102 COMMITTEE F**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Casey Bertelsman
<b>Delegation:</b>	St. Joseph's Academy
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to require neutering/spaying animals in the state of Missouri

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33 to decrease, the shelters can actually care for the animals rather than  
34 warehouse them or euthanize them.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 273

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Neutering/spaying- the removing of the reproduction organs of animals

5

6 Permit- legal document, which in this case will allow someone to not  
7 need to neuter his/her dog

8

9 Animal Shelter- establishment that is a temporary home for animals; an  
10 'orphanage' for dogs or cats

11

12 Warehousing- overfilling of shelters to an unmanageable amount

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14 Euthanize- to 'peacefully' kill an animal(s)

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17 **Proposal for Action:** All persons of the state of Missouri are required  
18 to have their cats and dogs spayed or neutered unless they obtain a  
19 permit allowing them otherwise. This permit simply requires one's  
20 personal information and has a fee of \$100. It must be renewed every 5  
21 years.

22

23 **Effective Date:** This will take effect in Missouri on January 1, 2013.  
24 Permit submissions will start January 1, 2012.

25

26 **Justification:** 5,000,000 animals are euthanized annually in the United  
27 States because animals are reproducing when there are currently not  
28 enough homes for them all.

29

30 **Expected Results:** By requiring animals to be spayed or neutered, there  
31 will be less litters of animals, and then hopefully the numbers of animals  
32 in shelters will start to decrease. By having the numbers in shelter start

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE: # H-103 COMMITTEE F**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Anastasia Brewer
<b>Delegation:</b>	Columbia
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	The Legalization of Euthanasia

1 **RSMo:** Section 190.615  
2  
3

4 **Key Terms:**

5 Euthanasia: Bringing about the death of a terminally ill individual who  
6 wishes to die.  
7 Sound Mind: A state of mind when one is able to reason and come to a  
8 judgment rationally.  
9 Physician: A person who is legally qualified to practice medicine.  
10 Suffer: To undergo or experience extreme pain or distress.  
11 Terminally Ill: To have a fatal disease, generally one has only months to  
12 live.  
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15 **Proposal for Action:** Starting January First, 2012, it shall be legal for a  
16 physician to end the life of a terminally ill and suffering individual who is  
17 of sound mind upon the individual's request. The individual must make  
18 this request three times, twice verbally and once written, these requests  
19 must be submitted no less than two weeks apart and no more than six  
20 months apart. The individual must be terminally ill. Two doctors in  
21 addition to the euthanizing physician must confirm the diagnosis that  
22 they have less then a year to live.  
23

24 If all of these conditions are met than the doctor may prescribe life  
25 terminating drugs that the patient themselves must administer.  
26

27 This law will fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health.  
28  
29

30 **Effective Date:** Effective January First 2012  
31

32 **Justification:** These individuals who request Euthanasia suffer on a  
33 daily basis. These individuals have faced, and continue to face an

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34 expensive and emotionally taxing experience. They wish to die and end  
35 their suffering. Regardless of the laws put in place some of these  
36 individuals will find a way to do so and all of these individuals should  
37 have the right. By implementing this bill we offer these individuals a  
38 secure manner to end their lives. Everyone has a right to life thus it  
39 stands to reason that everyone has a right to die. The realization of  
40 this bill will ultimately prove better for the individuals, their families and  
41 society as a whole.  
42

43 **Expected Results:** Giving these individuals a legal option in which to  
44 express their rights to life and to end their long term suffering will  
45 decrease the desperation of both the individuals and their families in  
46 regard to both the expense and the suffering of the individuals. This will  
47 benefit the individuals, their families and society.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-104 COMMITTEE F	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Adam Forney Tyler Valenza
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to require Missouri judges to accept prosecutor sentencing recommendations when a deal is made with a defendant.

- 1 **RSMo:** Chapter 546 is hereby ammended. Contradictory provisions  
2 removed.
- 3
- 4 **Key Terms:**  
5 no new key terms
- 6
- 7 **Proposal for Action:** Missouri judges shall be required to accept the  
8 reccomendation of the prosecutor for sentencing when there is a deal  
9 reached in writing between the prosectutor and the defendant.
- 10
- 11 **Effective Date:** This bill shall become effective 30 days after passage.
- 12
- 13 **Justification:** The prosectutor and defendant have more information  
14 than a judge who has not heard the full testimony and details of the  
15 case.
- 16
- 17 **Expected Results:** Less criminal costs because more criminal  
18 defendants will be likely to take a deal because the sentence will be  
19 predictable.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-105 COMMITTEE F	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Mary Hilleren Mallory Gorham
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Amendment to Change School Hours

- 1 **RSMo:** 163.021 is amended and new sections are created.
- 2
- 3 **Key Terms:**
- 4 Ideal working environment- an environment where the students are well  
5 rested and able to pay attention.
- 6 Attendance- also defined in subdivision (2) of section 163.011 as  
7 modified by section 171.031
- 8 School sponsored activities- sports, clubs, and other activities that  
9 require the use of the school's grounds.
- 10
- 11 **Proposal for Action:** Beginning the 2012-2013 school year, the school  
12 hour schedule will be changed. For all students, the hours of school  
13 attendance must begin no earlier than eight-thirty am. This will ensure  
14 an ideal working environment. Each normal school day requires a three  
15 hour lunch and activities break, where school sponsored activities may  
16 take place. A lunch break is not needed due to the break in between  
17 school hours. Schools must still provide for a minimum of one hundred  
18 seventy-four days of school and one thousand forty-four hours,  
19 required to begin after labor day and end after memorial day.
- 20
- 21 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect beginning labor day  
22 September 3rd, 2012.
- 23
- 24 **Justification:** Starting the school day at a later hour ensures that  
25 students are well rested, therefore making learning more efficient. A  
26 three hour break in between the school day will ensure that students  
27 keep focused while school is in session, and this break also allows  
28 students to take a short nap during the day. A short nap increases  
29 productivity by over 30%, alertness by up to 100% and also creates  
30 happiness and well being for the students. The three hour break appears  
31 to be a luxury, but the break is actually a physical necessity to revive  
32 energy levels.

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33  
34 **Expected Results:** Students will improve their efficiency in school,  
35 therefore improving the education of Missouri students and the overall  
36 intelligence of our state.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-106 COMMITTEE F</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Cody Meece
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	A Tax on Parents of Underperforming Students

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 162 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri is hereby  
2 amended to include a new section as follows:  
3  
4 **Key Terms:**  
5 "Below average" shall be defined as receiving an average grade from  
6 among all that student's subjects that is lower than fifty per cent (50%)  
7 "Semester" shall be defined as one half of a schooling year; usually  
8 already determined.  
9 "Special education" shall be any students determined by the school  
10 district to have some form of learning disability or a 504 plan due to a  
11 medical condition.  
12  
13  
14 **Proposal for Action:** This bill will place a .5% (one half percent) income  
15 tax on the parents of each child who performs and scores below average  
16 in public and private schools at the end of each semester from grade 3  
17 through 12. This provision will specifically exclude students classified as  
18 special education students This bill shall apply to any tax year in which  
19 a student has performed below average in any semester. If, in any tax  
20 year, a student shall perform and score below average in two separate  
21 semesters , then the tax shall be one per cent (1%). The below average  
22 semester score shall be the average grade that is 50% (fifty percent)  
23 received from among all the student's subjects.  
24  
25 **Effective Date:** This bill shall take effect one year after passage.  
26  
27 **Justification:** This country as a whole has slowly been traveling  
28 towards the ideal that 'mediocrity is OK'. The brighter students are  
29 being held back by students who choose not to try and thus bring down  
30 the whole class material that can be covered. A strong country is one  
31 that educates citizens who can think through its problems and solve  
32 them quickly. Special education student parents are excluded because  
33 they may not be able to improve through no fault of their own. This bill

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34 shall encourage parents to be involved in their child’s education,  
 35 provide incentives to succeed in school and only penalize the families of  
 36 students who are willfully not trying to get an education.

37  
 38 **Expected Results:** Upon the passage of this bill, it shall be seen that  
 39 the overall average grade in schools will rise, and the amount of people  
 40 who cannot thrive or educate themselves declines.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-107 COMMITTEE F</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Scott Nettesheim Nick Simon
<b>Delegation:</b>	Rockwood Summit High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	A qualifying process to which an American citizen must meet certain standards or earn credits in order to receive governmental benefits such as welfare.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 191 is amended to put in a new subsection establishing  
 2 the guidelines for the recipients of welfare.

3  
 4 **Key Terms:**

5 Welfare- aid in the form of money or necessities for those in need

6  
 7 Community service- labor in the form of aiding one's community

8  
 9 Handicap- a physical or mental disability that prevents one from  
 10 working, thereby allowing them to qualify for government aid

11  
 12 **Proposal for Action:** In order for an American citizen to receive total  
 13 100% of Welfare benefits, the recipient of those benefits must earn  
 14 credits by working at least 20 hours of community per week such as  
 15 highway cleanup, parks and recreation supervision/cleanup (City, State,  
 16 County, and Federal), and other community service deemed by the local  
 17 constituency. Every two weeks a supervisor or head of the constituency  
 18 will confirm hours worked to ensure the recipient is earning their  
 19 awarded income. This excludes citizens who have a proven disability,  
 20 hardship, or other specified complication eliminating ability to perform  
 21 such tasks as community service.

22  
 23 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2013

24  
 25 **Justification:** 29,900,000 people receive fiscal government assistance,  
 26 8% of the current population. Many Americans today rely on welfare  
 27 checks to live off of without understanding the value in working to  
 28 support themselves. Over 5,000,000 Americans receive over 50% of  
 29 their annual income through the federal welfare. Although some of the  
 30 welfare recipients are restrained by physical or mental handicaps, it is

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31 unacceptable for fully capable working Americans to solely rely on the  
32 government to support a modern American family.

33  
34 **Expected Results:** We expect the amount of government funds  
35 contributed to welfare to consistently drop as citizens start to turn  
36 their 20 hour of community service into steady part or full time jobs  
37 that could potentially support themselves and their families considerable  
38 better. With the increase in labor, the economy could potentially begin  
39 to rise out of the recent troubles it is in due to the increased work  
40 activity and cut in spending to welfare recipients. This will also reduce  
41 the unemployment which is one of the largest problems in America  
42 today.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>HOUSE: # H-108 COMMITTEE F</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Maddy Russell Sarah Vlaich
<b>Delegation:</b>	Lindbergh High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Play and Pass

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 161 is amended and a new section is enacted

2

3 **Key Terms:**

4 extracurricular activities- substantial physical education activities  
5 involving more than 8 hours a week of education professional led  
6 physical activity over a period of 9 weeks or more each season.

7

8 **Proposal for Action:** Students participating in an extracurricular  
9 activity as defined above will receive 0.25 of a credit per season  
10 completed for their participation.

11

12 **Effective Date:** The school year following bill passage.

13

14 **Justification:** Extracurricular sports provide good leadership and  
15 teamwork lessons. In many cases they are keeping students in school as  
16 well, so in return, extracurricular sports should be supported. The  
17 legislature passed the " No Pass, No Play" measure in 1984, which  
18 required students to receive passing grades in all their classes before  
19 they could participate in extracurricular activities, including sports.  
20 Statistics show that kids who are involved in sports while in high school  
21 are more likely to experience academic success and graduate from high  
22 school. Due to these statistics, parents, teachers, and administrators do  
23 not have to worry about athletes believing in the message that  
24 academics aren't always first. While some coaches back the increase in  
25 athletics credits, a few physical-education experts are opposed. They  
26 have long objected to equating sports-oriented classes with physical-  
27 education classes, which are part of the state-approved academic  
28 curriculum. They worry that an increase in graduation credit for athletics  
29 classes will further diminish PE classes, which teach fitness and  
30 wellness, while sports focus on competition, but this Act allows the four  
31 semesters (2 credits) of Physical Education still be required. This allows  
32 athletes to still learn the importance of health (fitness and wellness),

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33 but also be rewarded for the extra time they put into their  
34 extracurricular sport(s) and representation of their school. Coaches and  
35 athletic directors have been complaining for years that students aren't  
36 getting credit for all their athletics courses. They argued that there are  
37 no comparable limits on marching band or ROTC military-training  
38 classes, which can earn students four years of credit. Finally, many  
39 athletes are forced to take a study hall because it is hard to find time  
40 for school and sports, which gives athletes no credit. By allowing 0.25  
41 of a credit be rewarded per completed season, it gives athletes the  
42 opportunity to earn back their lost credit. ed per completed season, it  
43 gives athletes the opportunity to earn back their lost credit.

44  
45 **Expected Results:** Students doing extracurricular activities will be able  
46 to receive high school credit for their physical education activity.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-109 COMMITTEE F	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Jack Stanley Mike Murphy
<b>Delegation:</b>	Kirkwood High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	The Continuous Education Act

1 **RSMo:** Our bill will amend RSMo 160.041 "Minimum school day, school  
2 month, school year, defined--reduction of required number of hours and  
3 days, when."

4  
5 **Key Terms:**

6 "Summer Learning Loss" is the loss of learned information acquired the  
7 previous school year which leads to less effective learning the following  
8 school year.

9 "The average school year" is currently a state requirement of 174 days  
10 of schooling.

11 "The average daily attendance formula" is currently established by state  
12 law and administered through the Department of Elementary and  
13 Secondary Education.

14  
15 **Proposal for Action:** All school districts will be required to adopt a  
16 year-long schooling schedule, and a four day school week. This will  
17 reduce the length of summer vacation, but will add an autumn, and  
18 extend winter and spring vacations.

19  
20 With the new schedule, students will still attend for a minimum of 180  
21 days. School districts will have one two week-long break in both Spring,  
22 Fall, and Winter with one month long break in Summer. Students will  
23 attend school on the days Monday through Thursday, for a four day  
24 school week.

25  
26 The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will continue to  
27 provide state school aid to all compliant schools following the current  
28 average daily attendance formulas currently in place for all public school  
29 districts around Missouri.

30  
31 **Effective Date:** The bill will be enacted in August of 2013 to allow for  
32 proper planning and preparation.

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34 **Justification:** This will help to prevent summer learning loss, and will  
35 allow remedial students to increase academic skills with more  
36 instructional time (Silva 2007). Remediation needs can be addressed  
37 during the school year as opposed to during summer programs, possibly  
38 decreasing retention rates and decreasing the need to include summer  
39 school in local budgets.

40  
41 **Expected Results:** School Districts will change their schedules and  
42 learning and productivity in Secondary and Elementary Schools will  
43 increase due to constant education.  
44 Student proficiency scores on state wide testing will increase in the  
45 period from 2013 to 2023 by 10 percentage points.  
46

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-110 COMMITTEE F	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Christopher Wendel
<b>Delegation:</b>	Bowling Green High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to stop the pollution of water in Missouri, such as lakes, rivers, and streams.

1 **RSMo:** 644.011

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 "Pollution" is hereby defined as the introduction of substances and  
5 products into the environment (i.e. Gasoline, propane, lead, and acids.  
6 Does not only include these substances.)

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8

9 **Proposal for Action:** All persons will be prohibited from dumping any  
10 liquid and or substance into Missouri rivers, lakes, or streams. All  
11 persons will be required to check their homes, vehicles and other motor  
12 vehicles for leaks in oil, gas, and other chemicals. Any person who does  
13 not comply will be charged with a fine ranging from \$500-\$1500 to be  
14 enforced by all police officers and wild-life rangers

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16

17 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

18

19 **Justification:** The main problem caused by water pollution is that it  
20 kills life that inhabit water-based ecosystems. Dead fish, birds, and  
21 many other animals killed by pollutants in their habitat. Pollution of  
22 streams and rivers also effect recreational activities down river or  
23 downstream, such as fishing, boating, swimming, and other water  
24 activities. Pollution disrupts the natural food chain as well. Pollutants  
25 such as lead and cadmium are eaten by tiny animals. Later,these  
26 animals are consumed by fish and shellfish, and the food chain  
27 continues to be disrupted at all higher levels. Eventually, humans are  
28 affected by this process as well. People can get diseases Such as  
29 hepatitis by eating seafood that has been poisoned. Ecosystems can be  
30 severely changed or destroyed by water pollution. Many areas are now  
31 being affected by careless human Pollution, and this pollution is coming  
32 back to hurt humans.

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34  
35 **Expected Results:** Lakes, rivers, and streams will not be polluted  
36 because they are no longer subject to the dumping of chemical wastes.  
37

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-141 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Trent Aurell
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to Add a Free of Charge Online Agricultural Course to MoVIP

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 161 RSMo is hereby amended by adding a new section  
2 thereto.

3  
4 **Key Terms:**  
5 "MoVIP"- An online website designed and run by Missouri State  
6 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that offers online  
7 educational courses to Missouri students grades K-12 normally at a  
8 slight charge

9  
10 **Proposal for Action:** The Missouri Department of Elementary and  
11 Secondary Education will provide free of charge courses on their  
12 (MOVIP) program on animal husbandry, horticulture, and agricultural  
13 management practices for high school students in Missouri.

14  
15 **Effective Date:** This act shall become effective August 1, 2012.

16  
17 **Justification:** Many urban and suburban students do not have access  
18 to agricultural, animal husbandry and horticultural classes in high  
19 school. MOVIP would allow students access to this field in high school  
20 without trying to afford a qualified part-time teacher to teach only a  
21 few students in any year at each high school. Skype and other internet  
22 tools will bring larger groups of students together with teachers  
23 sharing state of the art veterinarian, animal husbandry, horticulture and  
24 agricultural management. As one can see from the lines at hardware  
25 stores picking out plants and the number of veterinarian offices in urban  
26 and suburban areas, there is a need for this knowledge outside the  
27 traditional farm areas. Allowing these courses at the high school level  
28 will let students include these pursuits as potential career or job  
29 opportunities in the planning that most students normally do during high  
30 school.

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32 **Expected Results:** More agricultural, veterinarian and horticultural  
33 knowledge and qualifications for our students. Better conservation  
34 decisions being made by our citizens.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-142 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Alex Baumer
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to require school districts to provide wireless internet access on a guest server at all high schools in the State of Missouri.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 162 of the RSMo is hereby amended to include a new  
2 section.

3

4 **Key Terms:**

5 "Wireless internet" is a vast computer network linking smaller computer  
6 networks worldwide that is without a wire.

7

8 **Proposal for Action:** All school districts in the state Missouri will  
9 install and make available, a wireless internet guest server at all public  
10 high schools for the educational benefit for High School students and  
11 the convenience of student parents. The wireless internet (wifi) will have  
12 a guest services entry for students, parents, and patrons. It will also  
13 have a school use only entry for students and teachers and  
14 administrators. In other words, it will have a secure network and a guest  
15 network. The guest network will have restrictions appropriate for adults  
16 and high school students not so restrictive that it they are only for  
17 elementary students.

18

19 **Effective Date:** This Act shall become effective one year after passage.

20

21 **Justification:** Students need to be on the internet typing papers, doing  
22 research, checking grades, and completing missing assignments. Parents  
23 will be able to work online and still see their children at school sports  
24 and events.

25

26 **Expected Results:** This wifi is for the educational benefit for high  
27 school students and the convenience of students' parents. Students will  
28 be able to do their homework and research. Parents will be able to  
29 attend more events with family and watch more family at school events.  
30 Students will be able to do their homework and research while waiting  
31 for their turn to compete or cheering their team on. Waiting for a bus to

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32 fill before leaving for a competition is time that can be used for  
33 educational purposes.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-143 COMMITTEE N</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Logan Charlton
<b>Delegation:</b>	Bowling Green High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Billboard Removal from I-70

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 226, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
2 regarding the removal of excessive billboards along the I-70 corridor in  
3 Missouri.

4  
5 **Key Terms:**

6 a. ABANDONED BILLBOARD.

7 A billboard which has carried no message for more than 180 days or  
8 which no longer

9 identifies a bona fide business, lessor, service, owner, product, or  
10 activity, date or time of

11 past event, and/or for which no legal owner can be found. The definition  
12 shall also

13 include any billboard structure which no longer supports the billboard  
14 for which it was

15 designed.

16 b. ADMINISTRATOR.

17 The designated government official whose responsibility it is to  
18 administer the provisions

19 of this ordinance. These activities may include, but are not limited to,  
20 reviewing

21 applications for billboard permits, corresponding and/or meeting with  
22 applicants, issuing

23 and denying billboard permits, inspecting billboards, and interpreting  
24 and enforcing the

25 provisions of this ordinance.

26 c. ARCHITECTURAL, SCENIC, OR HISTORIC AREA.

27 An area of special control that contains unique visual or historic  
28 characteristics or whose

29 natural beauty requires special regulations to ensure that all billboards  
30 displayed within

31 the area are compatible with the area.

32 d. BILLBOARD.

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33 A billboard is an off-premises object, device, display, sign, or structure,  
34 or part thereof ,  
35 displayed outdoors or visible from a public way, which is used to  
36 advertise , identify,  
37 display, direct or attract attention to an object, person, institution,  
38 organization, business,  
39 product, service, event or location, or to express a point of view , by  
40 any means,  
41 including words, letter s, figures, design, symbols, advertising flags,  
42 fixtures, colors,  
43 illuminations or projected images. Each substantially different face of a  
44 billboard  
45 structure shall constitute a separate billboard. Billboards do not include  
46 on-premises  
47 commercial or political signage nor small commercial or non-commercial  
48 signs  
49 temporarily placed in residential lawns by residents, owners,  
50 contractors, realtors, or by  
51 or on behalf of political candidates or issues.  
52 e. BILLBOARD AREA.  
53 The facing of a billboard, including copy, insignia, background, structural  
54 supports,  
55 and border and trim. The measurement shall be determined by the  
56 smallest rectangle  
57 inclusive of all letters and images. The structural supports shall be  
58 excluded if they do not  
59 constitute a major part of the billboard or if the structure is not used to  
60 identify or attract  
61 attention to the business or product.  
62 f. BILLBOARD PLAZA.  
63 An area of special control which Our Town Council designates as  
64 appropriate for the  
65 display of billboards.  
66 g. . CHANGEABLE COPY.  
67 Copy that changes at intervals of more than once every six seconds.  
68 h. COMMERCIAL BILLBOARD.  
69 A billboard which identifies goods or services that are not sold on the  
70 premises where the  
71 billboard is located.  
72 i. DIRECTIONAL SIGN.

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73 A sign erected and maintained by local officials within the public right-  
74 of-way, to  
75 indicate to the traveling public the route and distance to public  
76 accommodations,  
77 facilities, commercial services and points of scenic, historical, cultural,  
78 recreational,  
79 educational or religious interest. Such signs shall conform to all  
80 applicable state  
81 regulations regarding the placement of billboards in public rights-of-  
82 way.  
83 j. EXPRESSWAY OR FREEWAY.  
84 A highway to which access is restricted except by ramps or  
85 interchanges.  
86 k. FLASHING ILLUMINATION.  
87 A light source which, in whole or in part, physically changes in light  
88 intensity or gives  
89 the appearance of such change at intervals of less than six seconds.  
90 l. HEIGHT.  
91 The vertical distance measured from grade at the edge of the adjacent  
92 right-of- way to the  
93 highest point of the billboard.  
94 m. ILLEGAL BILLBOARD.  
95 A billboard that was constructed in violation of regulations that existed  
96 at the time it was  
97 built.  
98 n. INDIRECT ILLUMINATION.  
99 A light source not seen directly.  
100 o. INTERNAL ILLUMINATION.  
101 A light source that is concealed or contained within the billboard and  
102 becomes visible in  
103 darkness through a translucent surface.  
104 p. MOVEMENT.  
105 Physical movement or revolution up or down, around, or sideways that  
106 completes a cycle  
107 of change at intervals of less than six seconds.  
108 q. NON-CONFORMING BILLBOARD.  
109 A billboard which was lawfully erected and maintained at the effective  
110 date ( ) of this  
111 Ordinance, or any amendment thereto, that does not conform to the  
112 regulations of the  
113 district in which it is located.

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114 r. . POLITICAL BILLBOARD.  
115 A billboard that advertises a candidate or an issue which is to be voted  
116 on in a local, state,  
117 or federal elections.  
118 s. PREMISES.  
119 The contiguous land in the same ownership or control which is not  
120 divided by a street.  
121 t. SCENIC ROADSIDE.  
122 Scenic roadsides include those land areas within the municipal limits  
123 which lie within the  
124 viewshed of either side of the outermost edge of any of the roads,  
125 which are of  
126 uncommon visual importance or scenic attractiveness.  
127 u. SPACING.  
128 Spacing of billboards shall be the minimum distance between outdoor  
129 advertising  
130 billboard structures measured along the nearest edge of the pavement  
131 between points  
132 directly opposite the billboards along each side of the highway and shall  
133 apply to outdoor  
134 advertising billboard structures located on both sides of the highway  
135 involved.  
136 v. STRUCTURE.  
137 Anything built that requires a permanent location.  
138 w. VIEWSHED.  
139 An area visible from the road that provides vistas over water or across  
140 expanses  
141 of land, such as farmland, woodlands, coastal wetlands, mountaintops  
142 or ridgelines.  
143  
144 **Proposal for Action:** Billboards along the I-70 corridor must be at  
145 least 1320 feet apart and may not exceed more than four billboards per  
146 mile. Owners of the billboards will be required to remove the offending  
147 signs.  
148  
149 **Effective Date:** This act will take effect January 1, 2012  
150  
151 **Justification:** Every year, drivers either die or are injured in motor  
152 vehicle accidents. In 2009, 5,474 people were killed in the U.S.  
153 roadways and an estimated additional 448,000 were injured in motor  
154 vehicle crashes that were reported to have involved distracted driving.

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155  
156 **Expected Results:** Passing this bill will reduce the amount of motor  
157 vehicle crashes on I-70.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
NOVICE HOUSE: # H-144 COMMITTEE N**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Maegan DeNardo
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Act to remove taxes from from essential items.

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32 **Expected Results:** More families could afford their household utilities  
33 and food. Sine this would encourage healthier options for everyone, this  
34 would help lower the obesity rates and improve the over all heath of  
35 everyone.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 144.032 is ammended

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Household Utilities: a service such as water, electricity, gas, sewage, or  
5 trash used in most households.

6

7 Luxury Tax: A tax on certain goods or services not considered essential  
8 and usually high in price.

9

10 Luxury Items: All items that are not considered essential for life such as  
11 televisions or computers.

12

13 Junk Food: Food that has little or no nutritional value, typically in the  
14 form of packaged foods needing little or no preparation.

15

16 **Proposal for Action:** To amend section 144.032 to change the wording  
17 of "impose a tax" to "not impose a tax" and add food, excluding junk  
18 food, to the list of "metered water services, electricity, electrical  
19 current, and natural and artificial or propane gas, wood, coal, or home  
20 heating for domestic food only." And add a luxury tax of fifteen percent  
21 to all taxable items.

22

23 **Effective Date:** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

24

25 **Justification:** Many people cannot afford food and household utilities  
26 and are put on welfare. If taxes were removed then more people could  
27 afford their household utilities and food. This would also encourage  
28 healthier options among families and schools because, junk food would  
29 now cost more.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-145 COMMITTEE N	
Introduced by:	Lucas Handlin
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to to lower the driving permit usage age to 14 in the state of Missouri

1 **RSMo:** 334.89

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Driving: The act of operating a motor vehicle

5 Permit: To use with some restrictions

6 Usage: To handle or operate

7

8 **Proposal for Action:** This bill would amend RSMo 334.890 by lowering  
9 the age requirement of a drivers permit for the elegability to operate a  
10 motor vehicle in the state of Missouri from the current age of 15 to the  
11 age of 14. Anyone caught driving without their permit can have it  
12 restricted or revoked. If caught operating a motor vehicle under the age  
13 of 14 the driver can have their personal age restriction raised one year  
14 to the age of 15. You may have only one non family passenger that is  
15 over the age of 18. You must have one family passenger that is over  
16 the age of 18 at all times.

17

18 **Effective Date:** February 24, 2012.

19

20 **Justification:** As of now there are only five states that have this law in  
21 use. They are Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, and South Dakota. Out of  
22 the other 45 states that do not have this law in 2009, Missouri had 69  
23 fatalities in motor vehicle accidents between the ages of 16 and 20,  
24 Colorado had 148 fatalities, and New Mexico had 107 fatalities. Of the  
25 five states that do have this law, in 2009, Arkansas had only 59  
26 fatalities in motor vehicle accidents of people between the ages of 16  
27 and 20, Iowa had only 41, and Kansas only 17.

28

29 **Expected Results:** The expected results would be less motor vehicle  
30 crashes and fatalities of young drivers because of the two years of  
31 experience allowing them to react better in situations on the road,  
32 compared to just the one year of experience in other states.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-146 COMMITTEE N	
Introduced by:	Braeden Huffman
Delegation:	Francis Howell Central High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to the age in which tobacco products can be purchased and used by.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 407, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created  
2 regarding tobacco age.

3

4 **Key Terms:**

5 "Tobacco products" are defined in section 407.925, RSMo, which  
6 includes, but is not limited to, products containing tobacco.

7 "Minor" is defined in section 407.925, RSMo, which means, a person(s)  
8 under the age of eighteen.

9

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11 **Proposal for Action:** All centers that distribute tobacco and other  
12 tobacco related products are now required to sell these products to  
13 people of age twenty-one or older versus the previous established age  
14 of eighteen. There is frequent misuse and misjudgment of people selling  
15 and using tobacco and distributing it to minors. Anyone caught selling  
16 without a valid license or using a tobacco product that is under the age  
17 of twenty-one is to have all products confiscated and shall have a fine  
18 of a minimum of at least \$500 upon first offense. Upon second offense  
19 the person(s) is to receive an additional fine of \$1000 and if said  
20 person is under the age of twenty-one and found in possession of  
21 tobacco he/she shall be sentenced to rehab of a six months founded by  
22 their fines and/or fines of other law abiders. Upon the third offense the  
23 person shall be sentenced to one year minimum of community service.  
24 This also means the term minor now means any person(s) under the age  
25 of twenty-one. In addition, anyone between the age of eighteen through  
26 twenty-one currently smoking a tobacco product at the time of passage  
27 will be exempted from this law.

28

29 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

30

31 **Justification:** In most high schools and/or other places with a high  
32 population of teens there has been at least one report of said minor

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33 being in possession of a tobacco product and has been using or  
34 distributing it on the grounds of said place. An easy way of reducing  
35 this problem is increasing the age of which tobacco products are used  
36 so no misjudgment of age is conducted therefore hopefully reducing the  
37 amount of tobacco found on minors.

38  
39 **Expected Results:** There shall be a reduced amount of tobacco and  
40 related products among minors therefore making a generation clean  
41 and pure of drugs containing tobacco and other harmful products.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-147 COMMITTEE N</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Matt McManus Libby Mattingly
<b>Delegation:</b>	Mexico YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	To have parental consent when Missouri Public Schools use physical corporal punishment on students

1 **RSMo:** Section: 161-375

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3  
4

5 **Key Terms:**

6 This bill is to notify parents of their misbehaving child at public schools  
7 before any physical corporal punishment has taken place. It is also to  
8 protect any student that cannot handle the corporal punishment  
9 because of a disability or other various reasons. In charge of this act  
10 will be the Dep. of Education.

11  
12

13 **Proposal for Action:** All teachers working for Missouri Public Schools  
14 must advise parent of the pupil of which the corporal punishment is  
15 taking place and must have consent from parent allowing such doing. If  
16 parent does not allow such punishment then the child is sent to the  
17 head master or principal.

18

19 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

20

21 **Justification:** School Districts allowing corporal punishment have  
22 higher dropout rates, more school violence and a higher degree of adult  
23 incarceration. Studies show that children who have been spanked are  
24 more likely to engage in violent behaviors, and are more likely to repeat  
25 those behaviors in the future. In addition, as adults, these children are  
26 also more likely to abuse a spouse or partner, or become the victim of  
27 an abusive spouse or partner, are likely to become incarcerated, and  
28 have less success coping with mental illness. More disturbing yet is the  
29 fact that minorities, those with disabilities, and boys make up a  
30 disproportionate number of those spanked. Missouri is not required to

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31 notify parents before spanking a child, or to tell parents about the  
32 spanking afterward. According to the new Missouri law, parents  
33 reporting the spanking as abuse to authorities may get charged with  
34 harassment.

35  
36 **Expected Results:** That Missouri's parents may have nofication of their  
37 child's wrong doing in such which is the right as a parent. Also to help  
38 some children who are not mentally able to handel the corporal  
39 punishment.  
40

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-148 COMMITTEE N</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Chad Meece
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to reward schools who recycle.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 162 RSMo is hereby amended by adding a new section  
2 thereto

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4 **Key Terms:**  
5 "Recycle container(s)"- receptacles used to collect and hold recyclables  
6 for extended amounts of time

7  
8 "Recyclable material(s)"- are defined as materials that are able to be  
9 made into new products to prevent waste of potentially useful  
10 materials.

11  
12  
13 **Proposal for Action:** A reward of \$50 a month to every school,  
14 whether it be built in the future or is already built, shall have a minimum  
15 of at least four recycle containers. With two being used for paper (one  
16 for regular paper recycling, the other for milk carton recycling), one  
17 being used for aluminum recycling, and another for plastic recycling.

18  
19 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect on August 1st, 2012

20  
21 **Justification:** We are trying to educate students in their worldwide  
22 citizenship duties as well as the science behind the conservation of the  
23 Earth's resources.

24  
25 **Expected Results:** Accomplishing this is anticipated to increase the  
26 amount of recyclable materials that are recycled by schools each year so  
27 that more materials are reused rather than thrown out. Therefore  
28 increasing and spreading awareness about being useful with our trash  
29 rather than wasteful.

**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
NOVICE HOUSE: # H-149 COMMITTEE N**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Danielle Mullins Paige Hofmeister
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act related to handicapped adults working at a job.

1 **RSMo:** RSMo: Chapter 162 Section 670 is acknowledged and a new  
2 section is created regarding handicapped adults stating they must be  
3 given an equal opportunity for finding a job of their liking within their  
4 ability after their education of 4 or more years of high  
5  
6 **Key Terms:**  
7 Handicapped: any person who has a mental, physical, or genetic disorder  
8 or disability  
9  
10 Society: the totality of social relationships among humans.  
11  
12 Essentials: basic or indispensable; necessary  
13  
14 Shadow: a mentor who specifically trains and stays with them at all  
15 times during work hours  
16  
17  
18 **Proposal for Action:** Proposal for Action: After high school,  
19 handicapped adults must be provided equal opportunity for finding a job  
20 within a year of graduating high school.  
21  
22 A shadow must be with the handicapped adult (within ten feet) the  
23 whole time they are at work. The shadow will be provided by the job in  
24 order to make sure the shadow is qualified for the specific job the  
25 handicapped person has acquired. The shadow will also be paid through  
26 the job. If the handicapped adult is capable of working their job alone  
27 after being trained then the shadow won't be needed.  
28  
29  
30 **Effective Date:** Effective date: The start of the 2012-2013 school year  
31

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32 **Justification:** Justification: This will allow handicapped adults to feel  
33 like a part of society. It will also help them learn from real world  
34 experiences. Having a job gives them responsibility, freedom, and a  
35 sense of accomplishment. This also will provide them with money to help  
36 pay for food, clothing and other essentials. Since researchers and  
37 scientists have not discovered a cure for those who are handicapped we  
38 as a society need to make them feel as comfortable and accepted as  
39 possible.  
40  
41 **Expected Results:** Results to be Expected: Society will see  
42 handicapped people as more of a part of society. Handicapped people  
43 will also feel more comfortable and accepted within the new work  
44 environment. This experience will help them grow and learn in this new  
45 stage of their life.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-150 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Ciaran Murdock
<b>Delegation:</b>	Marquette High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to stop the killings of dogs who have killed or tried to kill sheep.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 273 is amended.  
2

3 **Key Terms:**

4 "dog", any animal belonging to the canine species.  
5 "sheep", any animal belonging to the aries species.  
6

7 **Proposal for Action:** For all sheep killings or attempted killings by dogs  
8 after January 1, 2012, shall require only the owner of the dog to  
9 provide compensation to the sheep's owner, or if in the case of not  
10 having an owner, to the state. The owner of the dog shall take any  
11 action the state recommends to prevent further transgressions by the  
12 dog.  
13

14 **Effective Date:** This act shall go into effect on January 1, 2012.  
15

16 **Justification:** For hundreds of years dogs have been companions to  
17 humans and are valued as such. For the valued companion of a human to  
18 be senselessly killed for simply following its instincts is unjust and  
19 heinous to the highest degree. Simply taking precautions and providing  
20 compensation can just as easily remedy a killed sheep, but without  
21 taking another life as well. The taking of one life does not balance out  
22 the taking of another.  
23

24 **Expected Results:** Dog owners will be confident and secure in the  
25 knowledge that their trusted companions cannot be unjustly killed for  
26 followings their base instincts and sheep owners shall be safe in the  
27 knowledge that even if the unlikely event occurs in which a dog kills one  
28 of their precious livestock, that they will receive just and fair  
29 compensation as well as precautions being made to prevent further  
30 violence.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-151 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Lauren Nosal
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Title: An act to require all students entering the 6th grade to learn a second language.

1 **RSMo:** Section 160  
2

3 **Key Terms:**

4 Children- are considered to be any where from the age of 4-12  
5 6th Grade- the 7th year of education  
6 Middle education- the grades 6th-8th  
7 High schools education- the grades 9 through 12  
8 Future leaders- the children who are the next generation  
9

10  
11 **Proposal for Action:** All school districts in the state of Missouri will be  
12 required to start teaching a second language when the child is starting  
13 6th grade, during the middle school education. This language can be of  
14 the students choice, or there guardian may choose. The students will  
15 learn this language until they graduate from their high school education.  
16 Any public school district and or public school who decide not follow  
17 this law will be fined for every year they do not comply with this law.  
18

19 **Effective Date:** The time it will be enforced is at the beginning of the  
20 2012 school year.  
21

22 **Justification:** As the country begins to make the future leaders of our  
23 country sociable with other countries, and people of different races, by  
24 being able to speak multiple languages, being able to communicate with  
25 foreign and exchange students. This will be done by getting more  
26 teachers who have experience in different languages; money will be  
27 granted by raising taxes and cutting some of the payments out for new  
28 sports complexes and used towards the teacher's salary. This will also  
29 make it easier for children to get jobs.  
30

31 **Expected Results:** Since these children will have learned this language  
32 at a young age, it will make them more diverse and perhaps will have a

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33 better chance of getting a job. This will also give people in Missouri  
34 more diversity.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-152 COMMITTEE N</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Misha Patton Thomas McKanna
<b>Delegation:</b>	Wildwood YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	Tax break for Ameren Utility Energy Corporation

1 **RSMo:** Next to the energy bill

2

3 **Key Terms:**

4 Nuclear Energy. Taxes. Missouri. Callaway Energy Plant

5

6 **Proposal for Action:** Department of Energy, and possibly the EPA  
7 involved with retrictions and Prohibitions. Cities will bid for spots or  
8 locations for construction and operation. The process will be completed  
9 by summer 2012. The UN nuclear committee will then apporve this  
10 proposal for construction and operation. The tax break will then be  
11 initiated.

12

13 **Effective Date:** March 13, 2013

14

15 **Justification:** the nations accident rate in nuclear plants anually is  
16 0.24% compared other energy factorys.

17 Some factors that show the safety of nuclear power plants are:  
18 high-quality design & construction,  
19 equipment which prevents operational disturbances or human failures  
20 and errors developing into problems,  
21 comprehensive monitoring and regular testing to detect equipment or  
22 operator failures,  
23 redundand and diverse systems to control damage to the fuel and  
24 prevent significant radioactive releases,  
25 provision to confine the effects of severe fuel damage (or any other  
26 problem) to the plant itself.

27 These can be summed up as: Prevention, Monitoring, and Action (to  
28 mitigate consequences of failures).

29 American citizens deserve cheap energy. If we can make cheap and  
30 efficients energy, why shouldn't we?

31

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32 **Expected Results:** More efficient, safe, and secure nuclear energy  
33 plants. Cheaper energy.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-153 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Vincent Perll Abigail Hoer
<b>Delegation:</b>	Mexico YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to implement a four-day school week in all Missouri public school districts

1 **RSMo:**  
2 RSMo: Chapter 171.029, RSMo is amended to create mandatory  
3 implementation of a four-day school week calendar. Such calendar shall  
4 include, but not be limited, a minimum term of one hundred forty-two  
5 days and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil  
6  
7 **Key Terms:**  
8 N/A  
9  
10 **Proposal for Action:** All public school districts in the state of Missouri  
11 shall adhere to a calendar school year that consists of a four-day school  
12 week.  
13  
14 School will be held Tuesday through Friday each week, with the school  
15 day being extended fifty-nine minutes. Teacher’s meetings, parent  
16 teacher conferences, inclement weather rescheduling, and other  
17 scheduling anomalies are suggested to be held on Mondays in order to  
18 prevent loss of school hours.  
19  
20  
21 **Effective Date:** August 1st, 2012.  
22  
23 **Justification:** Missouri has faced multiple budget cuts for education in  
24 the recent years, including drastic cuts for school transportation. High  
25 school dropout rates are increasing. This bill would not only save  
26 millions of dollars on transportation, but would also save money on  
27 substitute teachers, utilities, and food service costs.  
28  
29  
30 **Expected Results:** The Department of Elementary and Secondary  
31 Education, as well as communities across the state of Missouri, will save

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32 millions of dollars each year. Student's academic performance will  
33 increase, improving schools, communities, and society in general.  
34

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-154 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	James Perll Alex Bledsoe
<b>Delegation:</b>	Mexico YMCA
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to mandate that all high school students participate in 25 hours of community service in order to graduate.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended, and a new section is added  
2 regarding the addition of mandatory community service hours as a  
3 requirement for earning a high school diploma.  
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5 **Key Terms:**  
6 "Community Service "is a donated service or activity that is performed  
7 by someone or a group of people for the benefit of the public or its  
8 institutions.  
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11 **Proposal for Action:** Starting with the graduating class of 2016, all  
12 public high school students within the state of Missouri will need to  
13 participate in 25 hours of community service in order to graduate.  
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15 **Effective Date:** The act will go into effect with the graduating class of  
16 2016.  
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18 **Justification:** It is becoming more and more common that high school  
19 students are not involved in their community and volunteerism. This bill  
20 will provide students with the opportunity to receive multiple hours of  
21 community service, giving them a broader view of how society functions.  
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24 **Expected Results:** Students will receive a better understanding of  
25 service and responsibility. Communities will start to receive help that  
26 they need. High school students will become well-rounded individuals,  
27 while they become more aware of the people in need around them as  
28 they become young adults.  
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**MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
NOVICE HOUSE: # H-155 COMMITTEE N**

<b>Introduced by:</b>	Erin Rowland Kara Hubecky
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to increase budgetary support for the arts in public schools

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30 **Expected Results:** Schools will see a greater interest in the arts  
31 because of availability. They will see an increase in grades and  
32 attendance.

1 **RSMo:** RSMo 160.570.2 is amended and a new section is created

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3 **Key Terms:**

4 Fine Arts- Musical, theatrical, and visual arts

5 Visual Arts- Art forms that create works which are primarily visual in  
6 nature, such as ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, architecture,  
7 printmaking, modern visual arts (photography, video, and filmmaking),  
8 design and crafts.

9 Public School- A school supported by public funds.

10 Grant- A sum of money given by an organization, especially a  
11 government, for a particular purpose.

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14 **Proposal for Action:** This act will require public schools to each set  
15 aside a minimum of \$0.10 per student per day from the school's budget  
16 for fine arts programs. It will also offer a government grant for schools  
17 who wish to have more budgetary support for these programs. This  
18 grant money will come from cigarette taxes, alcohol taxes, and/or fast  
19 food taxes.

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21 **Effective Date:** The following school year

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23 **Justification:** Music, theatre, and art have been proven to positively  
24 influence grades and attendance in schools. Classical music has also  
25 been proven to inspire creativity and relax students. Fine arts are some  
26 of the most popular programs, not to mention that one credit hour of  
27 fine arts is a requirement for graduation. Studies show that kids  
28 involved in theatre or an art are less likely to drop out of high school.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-156 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Tyler Talkington Cameron Shinn
<b>Delegation:</b>	Bowling Green High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An amendment related to restrictions on texting while driving for all ages.

- 1 **RSMo:** Amendment to chapter 304 section 304.820  
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- 3 **Key Terms:**  
4 Electronic messaging is defined in section 304.820, which includes  
5 electronic mail, text messages, instant messages, and/or a command or  
6 request to access an internet site.  
7 Hand-held electronic wireless communications device is defined in  
8 section 304.820.  
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- 10 **Proposal for Action:** An amendment to section one altering this law to  
11 apply to all people operating a motor vehicle instead of those twenty-  
12 one years or under. The fine for this offence is stated in section  
13 302.302 under moving violations.  
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- 15 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2012  
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- 17 **Justification:** It doesn't matter what age you are as a driver it is not  
18 safe to text and drive. When you take your eyes off of the road you are  
19 taking a risk. You are endangering yourself and others on the road.  
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- 21 **Expected Results:** There will be less traffic accidents caused by  
22 sending, receiving, reading, or writing a text message. It will keep  
23 drivers of all ages safe while driving.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-157 COMMITTEE N	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Justin Thurman Chance Bowman
<b>Delegation:</b>	Francis Howell Central High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An act to illegalize smoking tobacco products while riding and/or operating any motorized vehicles(s).

- 1 **RSMo:** Chapter 191.767 will be amended making smoking while driving  
2 illegal.  
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- 4 **Key Terms:**  
5 "Tobacco Products" are defined in section 195.010, RSMo, which  
6 includes but is not limited to, cigarettes.  
7 "Motorized Vehicle(s)" is any self-propelled vehicle not operated  
8 exclusively upon tracks except farm tractors.  
9 "Drug Test" is a technical analysis of saliva to determine the presence or  
10 absence of specified parent drugs or their metabolites.  
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- 12  
13 **Proposal for Action:** Smoking or using any tobacco product(s) while  
14 riding and/or operating any motorized vehicle shall be illegalized. If any  
15 operator or passenger should be caught or suspected of such actions  
16 then said persons shall be required to perform a drug test. Passengers  
17 and/or operators will be required to extinguish and dispose of any lit  
18 tobacco product(s) before entering or mounting the vehicle. Any  
19 operator or passenger found positive of having used said tobacco  
20 products after performing a drug test will have the said tobacco  
21 products confiscated; then will be charged \$25 for the first offense, \$50  
22 for the second offense, and \$75 for the third offense. Every time there  
23 after shall be a fine of \$75 and if the person commits the offense five  
24 times or more then points shall be deducted from his or her driver's  
25 license.  
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- 27 **Effective Date:** This act shall take effect January 1, 2012.  
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- 29 **Justification:** Like texting, smoking while driving can distract a driver  
30 from their driving responsibilities. If this bill is passed, then drivers will  
31 be more aware of their surroundings because they will not have to

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32 bother with disposing or knocking off the ashes of the cigarette. As a  
33 result the roads, streets, and highways will be safer with fewer  
34 accidents. When drivers text it takes an average of 10.6 seconds to  
35 handle the mobile device while smoking it takes an average of 12  
36 seconds to light or dispose of the cigarette. Drivers are more distracted  
37 while smoking than when texting. Also when a cigarette is disposed of  
38 on the side of the road it is not only littering but can also start roadside  
39 fires if the flame is not yet extinguished. The easiest way to ensure that  
40 our roads and drivers are safe is to illegalize smoking while driving.

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42 **Expected Results:** Roads will be safer and cleaner than before and this  
43 bill will cut down on the risk of accidents due to drivers being more alert  
44 while driving. With the roads being safer and the reduced risks of  
45 accidents, people should be able to drive to and from work faster during  
46 their morning and evening commutes.

<b>MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVICE HOUSE: # H-158 COMMITTEE N</b>	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Shelby Windmiller
<b>Delegation:</b>	Bowling Green High School
<b>Type:</b>	An Act
<b>Title:</b>	An Amendment to RSMO 207.020 to Change Child Support According to Income.

1 **RSMo:** Chapter 207 Section 207.020 is amended to change the amount  
2 of child support given to the child’s main guardian according to income

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4 **Key Terms:**  
5 Child Support-ongoing, periodic payment made by a parent for the  
6 financial benefit of a child following the end of a marriage or other  
7 relationship.  
8 Alimony-legal financial arrangements between separated or divorced  
9 couples, whereby one partner provides regular payments to the  
10 other.

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13 **Proposal for Action:** Beginning on January 1, 2013 the state of  
14 Missouri will start paying 10% child support according to how much the  
15 income of the parent makes per month.  
16 This bill will help children and adults that need more child support  
17 money without raising the states taxes and making it so that according  
18 to how much each individual make per month without being able to raise  
19 it above 15% of their monthly wage.

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22 **Effective Date:** This act will take place on January 1, 2013.

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24 **Justification:** This act is to institute a fare and equal percent on money  
25 taken out of a parent's monthly wages per child, for child support.

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27 **Expected Results:** More Missouri citizens with children will get a  
28 reasonable amount of child support money without raising taxes.