

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-001

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Cody Decker John Barsoumian
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	AN ACT TO MAKE A MANDATORY DAILY PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE FOR ALL STUDENTS.

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30 active life style and will be less likely to suffer from diseases due to lack of
31 activity.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 168, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding a
3 mandatory daily physical education course.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 Public school- any school receiving federal or state monies.

7 Physical activity- activity which elevates the heart rate above resting level.

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9 **Proposal for Action**

10 All public school districts will be required to adopt a mandatory daily
11 physical education course for the benefit of all students grades K-12. The
12 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will create a course
13 designed to give students the recommended amount of physical activity by
14 the Surgeon General. Students who are participating in MSHSAA sponsored
15 athletic programs have the option to substitute the course.

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17 **Effective Date**

18 This act shall take effect on the first day of public schooling for the 2010-
19 2011 school year.

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21 **Justification**

22 Each school has students who are at a health risk due to their lack of
23 physical activity. Students have to have physical activity at least an hour a
24 day to maintain a normal healthy life. The best way to assure this hour is to
25 make it mandatory in all schools across Missouri for grades K-12.

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27 **Expected Results**

28 Overtime all people will be more physically fit, and won't be at such health
29 risk. All persons will understand the importance of maintaining a healthy

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HOUSE: # H-002

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Chelsea Ebker Kelsey Foshage
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Mandate a Sexual Education Course Beginning in Grades 6 through 8, and Continuing through High School with a Half-Credit Course Requirement in Order to Graduate

1 **RSMo**
2 170.015
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4 **Key Terms**
5 "School Districts" shall be defined as school systems which serve to operate
6 the local public, primary, and secondary schools within a particular area.
7 "Middle School" shall be defined as grades 6 through 8.
8 "Sexual Activity" shall be defined as any behavior in which sexuality is
9 experienced or expressed. "Credit" shall be defined as an official
10 acceptance and recording of the work completed by a student in a
11 particular course of study. "Half-Credit" shall be defined as acquiring one
12 semester's worth in a course of study.
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15 **Proposal for Action**
16 This bill will state that the Missouri Department of Elementary and
17 Secondary Education is responsible for establishing a sexual education
18 program for all public school districts at the middle and high school levels
19 and for enforcing the proposals outlined in this bill.
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21 (1) The middle school sexual education curriculum will consist of a unit in
22 the health class discussing relationships, possible repercussions of sexual
23 activity, and stressing abstinence as the only one hundred percent effective
24 method of staying safe.
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26 (2) On the high school level, there will be an addition of a half credit sexual
27 education course that will be required for graduation. This course is entail
28 adequate lessons on sexually transmitted diseases, nonconsensual sex, and

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29 alternatives to abortion. The course will additionally include information on
30 the use of contraceptives, while also stressing abstinence as the only one-
31 hundred percent effective method of staying safe. Students will have the
32 choice in which year he or she chooses to take the course. It will be the
33 school district's responsibility to provide summer classes for those students
34 who cannot fit the course into his or her regular school year schedule.
35 Failure to receive a passing grade or take the course will result in the
36 student's inability to graduate.
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38 Funding will be provided by the Missouri Department of Elementary and
39 Secondary Education. Although the sexual education course is not
40 expected to require more money than the average class, additional funding
41 can be earned by appealing to the Department of Disease Control, or
42 redistributing Department finances to allow for a small income into this
43 curriculum.
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46 **Effective Date**
47 This bill will go into effect in the year following its passing. If the funds are
48 not yet available, or the curriculum needs further planning the bill's effects
49 may be delayed 1-2 school years.
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51 **Justification**
52 Sexual education is relevant to any middle or high schooler and should be
53 mandatory as it can save people of any age from the dangers of unplanned
54 pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. As sexually transmitted
55 infections are on the rise in our society as unprotected sex is very high, it is
56 more important now than ever that the youth of our society are informed
57 on the dangers of these infections and ways to avoid them. Being well
58 informed is one way to avoid these dangers and safety hazards.
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60 **Expected Results**
61 If our bill is signed to law it will help children and teens around the country
62 to receive a better education of sexual activity. It will help the future
63 leaders of our society be prepared and educated about the dangers
64 involved in sex, and the consequences it may lead to.

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HOUSE: # H-003

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Nicholas Garvin
Delegation:	Monsanto YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to make sexual education a mandatory course in Missouri school districts from grade levels five to twelve

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 219 RSMo is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 mandatory
4 sexual education courses for grade levels five to twelve.

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9 **Key Terms**

10 "Sexual education" education about human sexual anatomy, reproduction,
11 intercourse, and other human sexual behavior.

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14 **Proposal for Action**

15 All school districts will be required to adopt a policy for mandatory sexual
16 education courses for grades five to twelve. All sexual education courses
17 are required for graduation and each student is expected to participate in
18 the mandatory sexual education courses. The sexual education courses
19 would be a year long course for grade levels five to twelve.

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22 **Effective Date**

23 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010

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25 **Justification**

26 By the time young men and women have reached their freshman year of
27 high school at least sixty percent of the young men and women have been
28 exposed to sex or have already had their first sexual experience. By the time
29 they have graduate from high school the majority of those young men and
30 women have had more than one sexual partner and or teenage mothers
31 and fathers. Out of the sixty percent of the young men and women at least

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32 ten percent of those young men and women have had a sexual transmitted
33 disease. We need to make sure that the young men and women of the state
34 of Missouri are educated on sex and the risks and factors that sex has on
35 their lives. We need to make sure that young men and women of the state
36 of Missouri are more aware of sex and how sex at an early age can have a
37 bad impact on their lives.

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40 **Expected Results**

41 The state of Missouri is confident that all young men and women from
42 grade levels five to twelve would be more educated on sex before they try
43 to experience sex. All young men and women would be more educated on
44 the issues, risks, and factors of sex before they try to have sex while they
45 are still teenagers. There would be a decrease in teen pregnancy and sexual
46 activity there would also be a decrease in teenage sexual transmitted
47 diseases. The state of Missouri is confident that each young men and
48 women would learn what sex is and that each young men and women
49 would be more aware of the issues they would face with sex at an early age
50 and benefit from having the sexual education course. The expected savings
51 for the state of Missouri is 3.5 billion dollars.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-004 EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Mike Killeen
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Offer a World Religions Course as an Optional Half Elective Credit in all Missouri High Schools.

1 **RSMo**

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4 **Key Terms**

5 World Religions- the top ten organized religions of the world which are as
6 follows:Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism,
7 Baha’ism, Confucianism, Jainism, and Shintoism.

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9 **Proposal for Action**

10 Beginning with the 2010-2011 academic school year all Missouri high
11 schools will be required to offer a World Religions course. The teacher of
12 this course must have a history and teaching degree. Required funds for this
13 course will be drawn from taxes on casinos.

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15 **Effective Date**

16 This act shall take effect with the start of the 2010-2011 academic school
17 year.

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19 **Justification**

20 Our world does not know enough about each others’ culture, traditions,
21 and religions. It is very important that students do not go through life
22 ignorant of the lifestyles of those around them and around the world. This
23 act would not only be helpful to students but also to the world by creating
24 global awareness of each other.

25

26 **Expected Results**

27 Through this course students will learn about the history, key promoters,
28 traditions, and beliefs of these religions. This course will teach students to
29 respect other cultures and faiths and will ultimately give them a more
30 global outlook on life.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-005 EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Shannon Kopp Lucy Randall
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to allow approved varsity sports to count as required physical education credits in public schooling.

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 161.102, RSMo,section 1 pt. 2 is amended by the following.

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Varsity sport", a principal athletic team representing a high school that
6 competes against other principal athletic teams at a high school level. The
7 teams are organized into athletic conferences which are groups of teams
8 that regularly compete against one another during a given athletic season.

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10 "Physical education", a course taken in primary and secondary education
11 which teaches students the relationship between cognitive functions and
12 physical movement and allows students remain active and receive exercise
13 during the school week.

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15 "Credit", represents the completion of approximately 120 hours spent on
16 any given high school course.

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18 **Proposal for Action**

19 All high schools are required to adopt a policy allowing varsity sports to
20 count as the required physical education credit. The school district of each
21 high school will create rules and regulations for the high school to follow.
22 One season of a varsity sport will count as a half of a credit of Physical
23 Education. The required credit of Heath and Physical Education will remain
24 separated. Heath being defined as a class taken over a semester of school
25 with a curriculum that includes techniques for improving communications
26 skills in relationships, exploring stereotyping, racism, abuse and violence in
27 society. Along with an in-depth study of human sexuality (the reproductive
28 system, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS) alcohol drug
29 abuse and the harmful effects on the mind and body.

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31 **Effective Date**

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

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34 **Justification**

35 A student participating in a varsity sport spends on average 2 hours after
36 every school day engaging in games or practices. Not including pre season
37 and weekend practices. All of this time put into a sport takes away from
38 time potentially focused on a student's academics. By adopting this policy
39 students will have more time to spend on academics during the school day.

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41 **Expected Results**

42 There will be an increase in students that will graduate each year. Due to
43 their ability to take more elective courses that need to be taken to
44 graduate. Leading also to a decrease in the amount of students that will
45 have to take summer school.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-006	
EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Kelsey McDowell Rachel Smith
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to professional evaluation of students who exhibit precocious development of mental capacity

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 162.675, RSMo, is amended to further define the standard for
3 professional evaluation

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Competent Professional Evaluation," testing which takes in to account
7 strengths of the individual in specific academic areas through use of varied
8 forms of testing.

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10 "Varied Forms of Testing," tests which evaluate a students strengths
11 through a series of differentiated test that focus on modalities, such as
12 verbal, written, and hands on. Varied forms of testing also includes both
13 nationally normed referenced test as well as criterion referenced test.

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15 "Gifted Children," defined by section 162.675, RSMo, are children "who
16 exhibit precocious development of mental capacity and learning potential
17 as determined by competent professional evaluation to the extent that
18 continued educational growth and stimulation could best be served by an
19 academic environment beyond that offered through a standard grade level
20 curriculum."

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22 **Proposal for Action**

23 All school districts which sponsor a gifted program will be required to adopt
24 a policy which requires the use of varied forms of testing that take into
25 account the strengths of the individual in specific academic ares in order to
26 determine acceptance into the gifted program.

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28 **Effective Date**

29 This act shall take effect on August 1, 2011

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31 **Justification**

32 It is apparent by observing the academic accomplishments of children not
33 chosen for gifted education programs that there is a flaw in the screening
34 and selection process. Many children who graduate at the top of their high
35 school class were not selected for the gifted program upon completing the
36 current battery of tests administered. We need more comprehensive
37 testing to bridge this gap.

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40 **Expected Results**

41 The citizens of Missouri will be confident that all students who are
42 evaluated for gifted programs will be given a battery of tests designed to
43 survey the entire intellect of the individual thus making the selection
44 process more fair. Thus, Missourians will be assured that all children
45 receive the educational opportunities appropriate to them.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-007 EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Austin Miller Grady Frazier
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to require all school employees to have taken a CPR class to work.

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2 168.012

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "School Teacher" shall be defined as a full time employee teaching in the
6 school.

7 "CPR Class" Shall be defined as a course teaching how to properly use CPR
8 and when to use CPR.

9 "AED" shall be defined as an Automatic External defibrillator.

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12 **Proposal for Action**

13 Each teacher shall have until the first of January 2012 to take and pass the
14 CPR course.

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16 **Effective Date**

17 This bill will be enacted on the first of January 2010 and closed on the first
18 of January 2012.

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20 **Justification**

21 If any teacher in the school district has not taken and passed a CPR course
22 by the first of January 2012 the teacher will be put on probation until the
23 end of that school year. At the end of that school year the school district
24 shall not be required to pick that teacher up for the next school year.

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26 **Expected Results**

27 Each teacher will be prepared if any student or co-worker needs CPR.

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HOUSE: # H-008

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Brandon Morgan LeAnn Robley
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Mandate Sex Education Classes

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31 The justification behind this bill is that Missouri teens are not getting the
32 proper sex education they need because it is not required for high schools
33 to teach sex ed.

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35 Expected Results

36 Missouri teens will be adequately prepared to make smart sexual health
37 decisions in college and life beyond.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 161

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Mandatory" shall be defined as authoritatively ordered. "School Districts"
6 shall be defined as a special-purpose district which serves to operate the
7 local public, primary, and secondary schools. "Credit" shall be defined as an
8 official acceptance and recording of the work completed by a student in a
9 particular course of study. "Half Credit" shall be defined as acquiring one
10 semester of a course of study. "Sex Education" shall be defined as a course
11 of study involving the education of sexual health, sexually transmitted
12 diseases, and contraceptives.

13

14 **Proposal for Action**

15 The purpose of this bill is to make it mandatory that all school districts in
16 the state of Missouri enforce that all students at the high school level must
17 take a sex education class before graduation. This should be put into effect
18 for all public high schools and must be taken by all students in the high
19 school. If a parent/guardian strongly disapproves, the parent/guardian may
20 sign a waiver and go through the administration to be approved to have
21 their child held out of the class. If the waiver is approved, the student must
22 take another health course to acquire the credit. It is the student's choice
23 in which year he/she will take the course. It is up to the school district to
24 provide summer classes for those who cannot take it during the school
25 year.

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27 **Effective Date**

28 This bill shall go into effect starting with the graduating class of 2014.

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30 **Justification**

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HOUSE: # H-009

EDUCATION

Introduced by:	Tanner Morris David Niemann
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to physical education requirements for high school students

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31 Expected Results

- 32 The students will participate in more competitive sports teams. They will
33 take more classes to improve their academic careers.

1 **RSMo**

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

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5 **Key Terms**

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

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10 **Proposal for Action**

11 All school districts will be required to place an option for students in grades
12 nine to twelve to choose between taking a formal physical education class
13 for graduation credit or to participate on a competitive team sport for their
14 school for a graduation credit. The Department of Elementary and
15 Secondary Education will create rules and regulations for all school districts
16 to model in their policies.

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18 **Effective Date**

19 This act shall take effect on August 1, 2010

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21 **Justification**

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

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-010 EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Andy Rupp
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to mandate American Sign Language as a second language in the public education system.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 American Sign Language as a second language.
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5 **Key Terms**
6 “American Sign Language” is defined in section 209.285, RSMo, as a visual-
7 gestural system of communication that has its own syntax, rhetoric, and
8 grammar.
9
10 **Proposal for Action**
11 Public schools will be required to teach American Sign Language as a second
12 language to students from kindergarten through grade eight. The
13 implementation shall begin with the kindergarten class of the 2012-2013
14 school year. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary
15 Education shall oversee, enforce, and fund this act. Local Boards of
16 Education shall develop a curriculum in collaboration with the Missouri
17 Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Missouri School for the
18 Deaf, and the Missouri American Sign Language Teachers Association.
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20 **Effective Date**
21 This act shall take effect on August 28th, 2012.
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23 **Justification**
24 Deaf people are isolated from the hearing majority.
25
26 **Expected Results**
27 Deaf children and hearing children will become desegregated and hearing
28 children will know sign language should they ever lose their hearing. Future
29 generations will have an alternative means of communicating with each
30 other.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-011 EDUCATION	
Introduced by:	Zachary Tallin Jared Meyer
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Homeschooled Students in Sports

1 **RSMo**
2 162
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4 **Key Terms**
5 Codes of conduct: The rules written in the student handbook relating to
6 behavioral and academic conduct.
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8 Public school: a school funded with tax revenue and administered by a
9 government or governmental agency.
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11 Athletic programs: an organization that is made to allow students to
12 participate in a sport.
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14 School sponsored athletics: an athletic program which is funded by the
15 school.
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17 Homeschooled: the education of children at home, by parents or tutors,
18 rather than in a formal setting of public or private school.
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20 District Resident: One who lives within that districts boundaries
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23 **Proposal for Action**
24 Will allow homeschooled students to participate in public school sponsored
25 athletic programs. They will register for the athletic program they want to
26 be involved in the same process as a student belonging to that public
27 school. They must also live within the district boundaries. They must also
28 follow that schools academic and behavioral conduct as stated in the school
29 policy handbook.
30
31 **Effective Date**

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32 This act shall take effect on July 10, 2010.

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34 **Justification**

35 Homeschooled students should have the right to compete in school
36 sponsored athletics in the district in which they live. They should not have
37 any scholarship opportunities denied as a result of being unable to
38 compete.

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40 **Expected Results**

41 Homeschooled studentsd will be able to compete in the school whose
42 bondaries they live in, teams will have an increased number of athletes.
43 There will be more competition inn highschool sports. There will also be
44 increased athletic scholarship opportunities for highschool students.

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HOUSE: # H-015	
EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Ali Ausley Alex Babb
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to end the Policy of Affirmative Action Pertaining to College Admittance in the State of Missouri

1 **RSMo**

2 104

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Affirmative Action: For the purpose of this act, 'affirmative action' shall be
6 defined as programs implemented that give special consideration to
7 members of specific groups, including women and minorities.

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9 **Proposal for Action**

10 We propose that all public institutions of higher learning discontinue the
11 policy of giving advantage to prospective students of a certain race,
12 ethnicity, gender, or religious affiliation during the admissions process.

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14 **Effective Date**

15 This program will begin with the fall college admissions cycle for the
16 graduating class of 2011.

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18 **Justification**

19 This policy leads to reverse discrimanation, lowers standards of
20 accountability needed to push students to perform better, and demeans
21 minority achievement as it causes others to question the integrity of their
22 success.

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24 **Expected Results**

25 It would lead to a higher quality of students admitted to institutions,
26 facilitate the progression towards a color blind society, and alleviate the
27 prejudice and rascist notion that minorities need affirmative action in
28 order to succeed.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-016 EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Charlie Bambini Justin Hilton
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Subside or Tax credit for private owners of alternate energy/ efficient fuel consuming automobiles

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 414, RSMO, is amended and a new section created regarding
3 subsidies or tax credits for private owners of alternative energy
4 automobiles.
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6 **Key Terms**
7 "Smog Check", test ran by state emissions centers, "Efficient vehicles",
8 vehicles that earn 35 or more miles per gallon
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10 **Proposal for Action**
11 Subsidies or Tax credits are issued to private owner of alternative
12 energy/fuel consuming vehicles that exceed 35 miles per gallon and pass a
13 Smog check administered in all counties.
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15 **Effective Date**
16 This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
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19 **Justification**
20 It is time to make Missouri's transition into a more environmentally
21 responsible future. By encouraging citizens to buy more fuel efficient
22 vehicles we are helping to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions and
23 setting an example for the rest of our country.
24
25 **Expected Results**
26 In response to this new Act the public will be swayed to purchase more fuel
27 efficient/ alternative energy powered cars creating an influx of auto sales
28 and a reduction of carbon in Missouri.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-017 EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Jasmen Frazier
Delegation:	Carondelet YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend Chapter 161 to require students to take the GED if they drop out of high school before they turn 18 years of age

1 **RSMo**
2 To amend chapter 161
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4 **Key Terms**
5 GED; general equivalency diploma
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7 "High school", a public school giving instruction in a grade or grades not
8 lower than the ninth nor higher than the twelfth grade
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10 Graduation rate", the quotient of the number of graduates in the current
11 year as of June thirtieth divided by the sum of the number of graduates in
12 the current year as of June thirtieth plus the number of twelfth graders who
13 dropped out in the current year plus the number of eleventh graders who
14 dropped out in the preceding year plus the number of tenth graders who
15 dropped out in the second preceding year plus the number of ninth graders
16 who dropped out in the third preceding year
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19 **Proposal for Action**
20 Students who drop out of high school are required to be enrolled in a GED
21 class
22 before they drop out. Students have to attempt the GED within a year.
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24 The Missouri Department Elementary and Secondary Education will enforce
25 this law
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28 **Effective Date**
29 This law will go to in effect on August 28, 2010
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31 **Justification**

32 Youth will have a higher level of education so they can have a better life. It
33 will also deter students from dropping out of school since they will have to
34 still get their GED. Also, it may help youth stay off the streets and lower
35 crime rates in Missouri.

36

37 **Expected Results**

38 Missouri will have more productive citizens and the economy of the state
39 will get better since more people will have at least a high school level
40 education so more people can get better jobs.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-018 EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Jessica Graver
Delegation:	Bowling Green High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to create mandatory recycling in Missouri districts.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 260 Environmental Control Section 260.225, RSMo, is amended
3 and a new section is created in regards to mandatory recycling.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Department" the department of natural resources

7 "Director" the director of the department of natural resources

8 "District" a solid waste management district

9 "Recycling" the separation and reuse of materials which might otherwise be
10 disposed of as solid waste

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12 **Proposal for Action**

13 My proposal for action towards this bill would be for landfills to decrease in
14 size. By enacting this bill there would be less need for petroleum products
15 (petroleum hydrocarbons), ethylene glycol, and coal tar. These are all
16 "ingredients for making plastic. With recycling there won't be a higher need
17 for such materials. MoRA (Missouri Recycling Association) and the
18 Department of Natural Resources would oversee the completion of this act,
19 create rules and regulations for recycling. If refusal to complete what is
20 asked then there shall be a fine of \$100 for the first offense. \$500 for the
21 second offense. Increments of \$500 following if not compliant.

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23 **Effective Date**

24 This act would take effect on April 1, 2013

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26 **Justification**

27 America is a haven for some people, and looked upon by others so if we
28 make America look "Green" we have to set an example. (Found in MoRA)
29 Recycling Industry sales total would be \$8,843,260. The payroll would be
30 \$1,759,337. Employees would include up to 80,019 per district. 45% (1.9

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31 million tons per year) of municipal waste in Missouri's landfills are
32 recyclable.

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34 **Expected Results**

35 A boost in economy from the recycling industry alone. Many jobs would be
36 created. Recycling is Eco-Friendly, creates a lesser need for crude oil,
37 natural gases, and petroleum products. If we start here, then maybe other
38 countries might follow our lead to help preserve our Earth.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-019	
EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Daniel Hoer
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	The Saving Missouri Teachers Act

1 **RSMo**

2 168.1

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Child is defined as the legal offspring of a teacher in the Missouri public
6 schools system.

7 Missouri Public School is defined as any state funded public school in the
8 state of Missouri. Elementary, secondary, post secondary, charter,
9 vocational, special, alternative, magnet, title one, and early childhood
10 schools run by the state fall under this definition.

11 State-run college or university is defined as the few state funded and public
12 Missouri colleges and universities. The schools involved in this program are:
13 University of Missouri Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla, and St. Louis

14 Missouri University of Science and Technology

15 Southeast Missouri State University

16 Northwest Missouri State University

17 Truman State University

18 Missouri State University

19 Lincoln University

20 Missouri Southern State University

21 Missouri Western State University

22 University of Central Missouri

23 Harris-Stowe State University

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26 **Proposal for Action**

27 The child of any certified Missouri teacher, employed by the state, through
28 a Missouri Public School for at least ten years, shall be allowed to attend
29 any state run college or university in Missouri, free of any tuition charge.

30 The child must meet the entrance requirements for that particular college
31 or university. Once enrolled all laws and rules of the college or university
32 still apply to the student.

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33 This law applies to teachers and their children retroactively,
34 meaning if a teacher has already taught ten years by the time the law goes
35 into effect, the teacher can still benefit from this act. They would not have
36 to teach ten years after the law is passed in order to receive benefits.

37 This law is not to be considered and has no bearing on the financial
38 aid or scholarships a student may receive. Students earning scholarships will
39 not be denied them because of this law.
40 The tuition for a child benefiting from this Act will be paid for a maximum of
41 four years.

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Effective Date

44 This Act shall go into effect on January 1, 2011.

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Justification

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49 Studies have shown that there are many reasons for the shortage of quality
50 teachers in Missouri. Low salary and being unsure of their own children's
51 future are main reasons people are not entering the teaching profession,
52 therefore; there are less teachers available to provide a good education for
53 children in the state. This law will encourage talented new people to
54 become teachers and stay with their profession for many years. It is also an
55 incentive because already underpaid teachers, caring for a family and
56 children, will have ease of mind regarding educating their own children.

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Expected Results

60 I expect this law will greatly increase the number of teachers in Missouri
61 and therefore increase the number of quality teachers in Missouri. I expect
62 this will alleviate much stress among teachers who have families. Teachers
63 will know that if their child works hard and gets accepted to a university
64 that they will not have to worry about paying tuition. It gives money back to
65 teachers who have shown a commitment to education and rewards them
66 for their service.

67 This law can solve many of major education problems for the state
68 of Missouri.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-020	
EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Rebecca Hotop Shelbi Prince
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to provide other alternative bagging than plastic bags in grocery supermarkets and convenient stores in the state of Missouri.

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RSMo

2 Add as a new section in Chapter 260 RsMO as section 260.1104

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Key Terms

5 "Plastic Bags" Carrying device made from polyethylene

6 "Polyethylene" Thermoplastic made from oil

7 "Thermoplastic" a soft and pliable material that can be stretched without
8 any change of inherent properties

9 "Petro-polymers" polymers made from petroleum

10 "Polymers" are large molecules composed of repeating structural units
11 typically connected by covalent chemical bonds

12 "Photo-degrade" Break down due to sunlight

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Proposal for Action

15 New rules and regulations containing plastic bag usage in grocery
16 supermarkets and convenient stores will be put into place to discourage the
17 use of plastic bags. Any grocery store, convenient store or supermarket
18 operating in the state of Missouri would still have the option of using plastic
19 bags. These stores that choose to provide them must purchase a permit
20 from the state in order to do so. Also, the bags they choose to provide must
21 be at least fifty percent recycled material. Stores that choose not to offer
22 plastic bags but provide alternative materials other than plastic or paper
23 shall receive a tax credit. This tax credit can be used to decrease any tax of
24 their choosing. Violation of this new act will result with receiving a five
25 thousand dollar fine the first offense, seven hundred and fifty thousand
26 dollar fine the second offense and a ten thousand dollar fine for the third
27 offense. Any violation thereafter will result in higher penalties that may
28 include jail time.

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29 The Missouri Department of Natural Resources in the Division of
30 Environmental Quality will be in charge of enforcing this statute.

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32 **Effective Date**

33 This act will come into effect one (1) year after passage.

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35 **Justification**

36 Worldwide between five hundred billion and a trillion plastic bags are used.
37 Less than one percent of all those plastic bags are recycled. The cost to
38 recycle plastic bags is grossly outweighed by the cost to buy the bags. It cost
39 around four thousand dollars to recycle one ton, whereas it only cost thirty-
40 two dollars to buy the same amount. If not recycled the bags photo
41 degrade. This mean that over time the bags are broken down into smaller
42 more toxic petro-polymers. The damaging toxins contaminate soil sand and
43 waterways.

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45 Most people do not see the over-crowding effects of plastic bags because
46 plastic bags are not seen much in the land fills. The ocean has taken host to
47 them. On average eight million pounds of plastic bags are dumped into
48 oceans annually by ways of ocean vessels, drains and sewage pipes. Ten
49 percent of all the waste and toxins from plastic bags are found on the
50 shores of the United States and research has shown these damaging
51 materials have affected almost two hundred species of animals in the ocean
52 from suffocation or poisoning from the petro-polymers that result in death.

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54 Each year, Missouri alone wastes around 2,926,244,475 plastic bags while
55 only recycling around one percent of that. Some countries like Australia,
56 China, Israel, Rwanda, Bangladesh, Canada, Western India, Botswana,
57 Kenya, Tanzania, Sigapore, Ireland, Italy, South Africa, Taiwan, Mumbai
58 (formerly Bombay) and India have already banned plastic bags. San Fransico
59 has banned the usage of plastic bags in their city. Stores like IKEA and Aldi
60 do not provide plastic bags but instead you have to buy them, causing less
61 customers to use bags or to reuse the ones they already have.

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63 Instead of an outright ban on plastic bags and infringing on people's and
64 stores rights, a tax credit will be issued to stores that choose not to provide
65 plastic bags and also choose to provide alternative material bags. A tax
66 credit of one thousand dollars will be issued. Those who choose to provide
67 the bags can but with a license issued by the state.

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69 **Expected Results**

CONTINUATION OF H-020

70 The conditions of our waterways will, over time, clear and contain healthier
71 wildlife, and the effects on our freshwater supply will only improve. Cutting
72 down on the usage of these plastic bags will decrease our foreign
73 dependency on oil. Countries like China that have already banned plastic
74 bags will save on average around 37 million barrels of oil each year.
75 Recycling rates will pick up due to the need of recycled bags in stores. On
76 average each person can save twenty thousand plastic bags each year if
77 they choose alternative bagging at grocery stores.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-021

EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:	Katie Hvarven
Delegation:	Francis Howell Central High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend chapter 167 of the RSMO and to add one new section, section 167.030, making it mandatory to wear uniforms in public elementary and middle schools.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 167, RSMo is amended and a new section added regarding school
3 uniforms

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Public school"- will be defined as a school that maintain at a school with
7 public expense for the education of the children of the district. "Elementary
8 school"- will be defined as an inscription reaching children from the age of
9 five to eight years old. "Middle school" – shall be defined as intermediate
10 schools between elementary and High school usually encompassing grades
11 six through eighth grade children. "School uniforms"- shall be defined as
12 sets of standard clothing worn by all students at a school while school is in
13 session. "School district"- shall be defined as currently defined under
14 Section 167.104, RSMo.

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16 **Proposal for Action**

17 Public Schools Districts must implement a dress code policy requiring
18 students to wear uniforms as deemed appropriate at all Elementary and
19 Middle Schools within that school district. The Department of Elementary
20 and Secondary Education will be enforcing this law. If a public school
21 disobeys this law, would be given one year warning to make the changes
22 necessary if not corrected be second year loss the accreditation.

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24 **Effective Date**

25 This will go in to effect for the 2011-2012 school years

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27 **Justification**

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28 This will open up the opportunity for the students to get a better learning
29 environment it would also relieve the stress of students being wired about
30 how they look.

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32 **Expected Results**

33 uniforms will help students focus on the academics and not on social
34 appearance thus Students will have a better chance of succeeding in the
35 world and a higher grades resulting in more productive society and stronger
36 economy.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-022

EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:	Elliott Rice
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to the admission process and granting of scholarships in State-funded institutions of higher education.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding this
3 tax credit.

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5 **Key Terms**
6 “Higher Education”, education beyond the secondary level; specifically
7 provided by any college, university, or post-graduate school.

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9 “Majority Race”, the race that accounts for the highest percentage of the
10 citizenry individually.

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12 “Minority Race”, any race other than the majority race.

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14 “Equality”, the quality or state of being equal.

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16 **Proposal for Action**
17 All State-funded institutions of higher education will be required to remove
18 the race section from all applications granting admission to the institution
19 or rewarding school scholarships. Although applications currently list the
20 race checkbox as optional, all State-funded institutions of higher education
21 shall remove the race checkboxes completely from applications upon the
22 implementation of this bill.

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24 **Effective Date**
25 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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27 **Justification**
28 Applications to State-funded institutions of higher education and
29 scholarship applications currently inform the applicant that the applicant’s
30 answer to the race questions will in no way affect their admission to the

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31 school or the scholarships that they will receive. If the question of race truly
32 has no affect on admission to a school or the scholarships that the student
33 will receive, then there is no reason to ask the applicant for his or her race
34 on these applications. This bill will ensure that there will be no possibility of
35 discrimination or reverse- discrimination when it comes to school admission
36 or the granting of scholarships. This bill will ensure that scholarships are
37 awarded to the most qualified applicants, regardless of race.

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39 **Expected Results**
40 The local and global economy will be more competitive as a result of the
41 most qualified students, regardless of race, being trained and set forth into
42 the work force. Whether it is a student of the minority or majority race,
43 they will know upon admission to their school of choice that the only
44 reason they were chosen is because they were the most qualified applicant.
45 The same is to be said for the granting of school scholarships. This will
46 ensure that students who possess scholarly traits and are the most qualified
47 for the scholarship, will receive the scholarship, regardless of race. This bill
48 will create equality among the races when applying for admission to schools
49 or applying for scholarships. Overall, although State-funded institutions of
50 higher education currently inform applicants that their race will not inhibit
51 their chances of admission to the school or receiving school scholarships;
52 this bill will ensure that the principle of race not affecting admission or
53 scholarships is honestly followed.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-023 EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Blakley Stretch Madeline Lumley
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Spread Awareness of Vegetarianism in Elementary Schools

1 **RSMo**

2 FDA

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Vegetarianism

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7 **Proposal for Action**

8 All elementary schools will be required to adopt a policy to spread
 9 awareness on September 7. The department of elementary education will
 10 create rules and regulation to model this policy.

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12 **Effective Date**

13 This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2010.

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15 **Justification**

16 By allowing younger children to learn about vegetarianism, they can be
 17 more open-minded and independent with their food choices at a younger
 18 age. Meat is harder for humans to digest so the option of being a
 19 vegetarian and making healthier choices should be explained.

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21 **Expected Results**

22 This should increase the intake of more vegetables and less meat, resulting
 23 in healthier children that are simultaneously more open-minded.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-024 EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Sarah Truglio
Delegation:	Francis Howell Central High School
Type:	A Joint Resolution
Title:	An act related to the conservation and protection of naturally occurring bodies of water.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 644, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created, section 103,
 3 regarding the protection and conservation of natural bodies of water.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 (a) "Riparian Border" is defined as the first 30 feet of land beside or
 7 adjacent to a body of water. Often vegetated it provides a buffer between
 8 the land and the water.

9 (b) "Watershed" is defined as an area of land that drains water into a
 10 common body of water such as a stream, river, lake, or wetland.

11 (c) "Tributary" is defined as a river, stream, creek, etc. flowing into a larger
 12 body of water.

13 (d) "Conservation" is defined as controlled use and systematic protection
 14 of natural resources such as forests and waterways.

15 (e) "Invasive Species" are defined as a plant that is not part of the natural
 16 ecosystem of that specific area.

17 "Pollutants" are defined as any substance that could be hazardous, harmful
 18 or disruptive to our natural environment or would negatively affect the
 19 health of the overall ecosystems. Any substance, (chemicals or waste
 20 products that would negatively affect the soil, air, water, or any other
 21 natural resources) is to be monitored by the Water Company in conjunction
 22 with the Conservation District, and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

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25 **Proposal for Action**

26 In both private and commercially owned properties in the state of Missouri,
 27 in which a tributary is contained or runs through, property owners will be
 28 responsible for the maintenance of the tributary and it's riparian border to
 29 ensure no pollutants or materials that are harmful to the environment or
 30 ecosystem, will drain or run off into the tributary. These practices will help
 31 preserve the natural ecosystem of the environment.

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33 The Riparian Border will consist of 30 feet on either side of the tributary
34 depending on the size of the tributary or river. Examples of these
35 pollutants include, but are not limited to: pesticides, fertilizers, petroleum
36 products, antifreeze, paint, thinners, solvents, car maintenance products,
37 carpet cleaning solutions, bug repellants, pool and spa water/maintenance
38 products, yard waste, animal waste, trash and litter.

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40 The land within the Riparian Border cannot be stripped of any vegetation,
41 unless the plants are classified as weeds or non native, invasive species
42 (such as bush honeysuckle,) in which case they are to be replaced with a
43 Missouri native plant, such as Buttonbush, Swamp Milkweed, or Pawpaw
44 trees.

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46 All property owners maintaining a healthy environment for their tributary
47 and the organisms/wildlife that live there shall be entitled to a tax credit
48 upon inspection by the Soil and Water Conservation District, Water
49 Company, and/or the Conservation District.

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52 **Effective Date**
53 This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2010.

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55 **Justification**
56 By taking care of the tributaries and their Riparian Borders it ensures the
57 safety and quality of our water supply. The people of Missouri have a right
58 to cleaner water. Our water is a nonrenewable resource. If we take care of
59 our water, it will require less processing and will be a safer, natural product.
60 By protecting the land in which we live, we will be able to preserve this
61 wonderful land, for generations and generations to come.

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63 **Expected Results**
64 Protecting the watersheds of Missouri, will improve the quality of our water
65 because fewer pollutants will contaminate Missouri’s water sources. This
66 will also decrease the amount of treatment our water goes through and by
67 doing this, the costs of tap water will therefore decrease.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-025	
EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Introduced by:	Saber Young Tyler Hemsath
Delegation:	Francis Howell High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to install solar panels in schools an additional source of electricity.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 167.
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4 **Key Terms**
5 Solar power - act of gaining 50% of ones energy that is consumed from solar
6 energy.
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8 **Proposal for Action**
9 To require schools to install solar panels in any new school built after the
10 effective date. as an additional source of energy.
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12 **Effective Date**
13 This act shall take effect on August 1, 2010.
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15 **Justification**
16 Energy from solar panels is more efficient and is a cleaner fuel source. After
17 initial installment it will make energy prices lower for the school, thus
18 providing more funds for educational purposes.
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20 With the ability to have constant, uninterrupted energy this would
21 eliminate the possibility of power outages posing issues for schools because
22 they would always have a generator standing by to ensure that the schools
23 pipes never freeze, school is never delayed, school is not closed due to
24 power outages, making schools a safe place for people to stay during power
25 outages. The solar panels will cut energy costs in the school, and provide
26 the school board with a larger budget.
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28 **Expected Results**

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29 To cut costs on energy expenses for schools by using a clean, renewable
30 source of energy, providing more room in the budget for other school
31 activities and events.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-030 FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS	
Introduced by:	Thomas Bottchen
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to end the tax exemption for religious property and religious employees.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 137.100.5 and chapter and chapter 288.034.9 will be amended by
3 deleting sections pertaining to employee tax exemption and changing
4 property tax exemption.

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6 **Key Terms**

7 Property tax exemptions are defined as subjects exempt from taxes from
8 state, county or local purposes. 137.100
9 Employment is defined as service, including service in interstate commerce,
10 performed for wages or under any contract of hire, written or oral, express
11 or implied, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, etc.
12 The term employment does not apply to services performed: In the employ
13 of a church or convention, or association of churches, or an organization
14 which is operated for primarily religious reasons and is operated, or
15 controlled by a church or convention, or association of churches. 288.034.1
16 to 288.034.9

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19 **Proposal for Action**

20 All religious institutions used for worship will no longer be exempt from
21 taxes. Although schools, colleges ran by religious institution shall continue
22 to receive tax exemption. Schools and colleges do not have to file for non-
23 profit status thus being able to continue their own rules and regulations.
24 Departments of religious institutions used purely for charity may file for
25 non-profit status thus continuing to be exempt from taxes. Due to this
26 being a new bill the tax will be an accelerated tax because of the ability that
27 certain religious institutions have to afford taxes. Religious organizations
28 would pay a collective property tax. If the particular institution is not part of
29 a organization it will still have to adhere to the tax code. If an institution is
30 based in another state and or different country but has a branch located
31 within the state, than that particular branch will still be taxed.

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32
33 Prior to bill All people working for religious institutions that had been
34 exempt from taxes will now be considered employees and will adhere to
35 the current tax code.

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37 **Effective Date**

38 This act shall take effect on January 1st 2010.

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40 **Justification**

41 Taxes are not collected from churches because taxing churches is seen as
42 intruding on the separation of church and state. Although churches being
43 exempt from taxes is not grounded in the constitution thus not considered
44 a right. Since the church and government are seen as counteracting forces
45 in our culture, it makes sense to balance these forces as much as possible.
46 During the last 30 years religious organizations have firmly implanted
47 themselves in government basically through freedom of speech and press.
48 Taxing this liberty would make it seem that individuals and organizations
49 would have to pay for liberties thus undermining the entire concept of
50 liberties. By taxing religious institutions and its employees it provides a
51 balance between the church and state and also provide more income for
52 the state.

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54 **Expected Results**

55 Results Expected: By taxing churches it provides greater balance between
56 church and state and also will provide more income for the state, without
57 effecting the church or its patrons.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-031	
FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS	
Introduced by:	Nate Hardy
Delegation:	Francis Howell High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to introduce a statewide tax on alcoholic beverages in order to create a tax-funded program to cover the damages and expenses inherited by the State.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 311, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding this
3 tax.
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5 **Key Terms**
6 "Alcohol", "is any organic compound in which a hydroxyl group (-OH) is
7 bound to a carbon atom of an alkyl or substituted alkyl group" (definition
8 courtesy of Wikipedia). Typically "alcohol," in terms of alcoholic beverages,
9 refers to ethanol.
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11 "Ethanol", "is a colorless, volatile liquid with a mild odor which can be
12 obtained by the fermentation of sugars" (definition courtesy of Wikipedia).
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14 "Taxpayer", a person, firm, a partner in a firm, corporation or a shareholder
15 in an S corporation doing business in the state of Missouri and subject to
16 the state income tax imposed by the provisions of the chapter 143, RSMo,
17 or a corporation subject to the annual corporation franchise tax imposed by
18 the provisions of chapter 147, RSMo, or an institution paying an annual tax
19 on its gross premium receipts in this state or other financial institution
20 paying taxes to the state of Missouri, or any political subdivision of the
21 state pursuant to the provisions of chapter 148, RSMo, or an express
22 company which pays an annual tax on its gross receipts in this state
23 pursuant to chapter 153, RSMo, or an individual subject to the state income
24 tax imposed by the provisions of chapter 143, RSMo.
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26 "Standardized serving of Alcoholic Beverage", in the United States: any
27 beverage that "contains 0.6 ounces (17.7 ml) of pure ethanol. That is
28 approximately the amount of ethanol in a 12-ounce serving of beer, a 5-
29 ounce glass of wine, or a 1.5-ounce glass (44.4 ml) of a 40% ABV spirit."
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Proposal for Action

The progressive state alcohol consumption retail sales tax will include an additional 1% for the second drink purchased, an additional 1.5% for the third drink purchased, an additional 2% for the fourth drink purchased. An additional 3% tax will be charged for the fifth drink purchased and all drinks purchased beyond that number. Missouri department of Revenue will collect this tax, along with their normal sales tax collection from restaurants, in addition to any public alcohol vending sites, sporting events, concerts.

Effective Date

This act will go into effect one year after its final passage.

Justification

The proposed act will provide the state with funds to cover the damages inherited by the state due to automobile, domestic, and other accidents or incidents directly caused or influenced by alcohol consumption.

Expected Results

It is expected that servers and providers of drinks at restaurants and other points of sale will keep track of each individual purchasing alcoholic beverages instead of the whole consumer body. The goal is discourage reckless drinking and to force restaurants to pay more attention to the actions of their consumers, hopefully preventing the destructive results of alcohol related accidents.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-032	
FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS	
Introduced by:	Patricia Hermann Elizabeth Haughey
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend section 393.1020-393.1040 of SB54

1 **RSMo**
2 363

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Any key terms as defined in sections 393.1020 through 393.1040 of SB54.

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7 **Proposal for Action**

8 All companies exceeding the conditions previously outlined in the bill will
9 receive a tax credit. Taxes will be collected from those companies that do
10 not meet the terms. Those companies surpassing the specifications outlined
11 previously in SB54 will each receive a tax credit from the revenues
12 accumulated from the taxes on companies that do not meet the previously
13 agreed upon specifications. The increased tax rates will be decided by the
14 Public Service Commission that is already regulating this bill's progress.

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16 **Effective Date**

17 This bill will go into effect on August 28, 2010.

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19 **Justification**

20 Having a good faith requirement in the bill means that the companies that
21 do not meet all conditions do not face negative consequences, however, by
22 creating the tax all Missouri companies will be more compelled to meet the
23 specifications in SB54.

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25 **Expected Results**

26 More companies will attempt to meet the requirements of SB54, therefore
27 lowering their environmental impact through the reduced consumption of
28 fossil fuels and electrical energy.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-033

FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced by:	Nate Hitchcock
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to decrease income tax for Missouri's proprietors.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 143, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding this
3 tax cut.

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6 **Key Terms**
7 "Resident" means an individual who pays an income tax to the state of
8 Missouri annually.

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10 "Proprietorship" is a business structure in which an individual and his/her
11 company are considered a single entity for tax purposes.

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14 **Proposal for Action**
15 For tax years proceeding August 28,2010, Missouri residents whose
16 proprietorships located in the state of Missouri, generate a taxable income
17 of greater than \$9,000, shall receive an initial tax of \$315 in addition to a
18 tax of 5.75% for excess over \$9,000.

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20 The tax of 5.75% on the proprietorship's additional income exceeding
21 \$9,000 shall replace the current rate of 6% as set by section 143.011,RSMo.

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23 In order to qualify for this income tax decrease, the taxpayer shall submit a
24 copy of their Missouri tax ID number with their Missouri income tax form,
25 having calculated the decrease in the appropriated area.

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27 The responsibility of recovering the annual loss in the state's revenue due
28 to this act shall fall to the Missouri Department of Conservation, the
29 Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri Department of
30 Economic Development. The percentages of the increase in deficit

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31 generated by this act, of which the aforementioned departments are
32 responsible for, are of the following: Missouri Department of Natural
33 resources: 60%; Missouri Department of Conservation: 20%; Missouri
34 Department of Economic Development: 20%. The location in each
35 departments' budget from which the percent shall be paid is to be left to
36 the discretion of the individual departments.

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38 The Department of Revenue shall oversee the implementation of this act.

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40 **Effective Date**

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

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43 **Justification**

44 The act of decreasing the amount a proprietor must pay in taxes increases
45 the profit that individual generates at the end of a business year. Having
46 more funds at the conclusion of a business year allows the proprietor the
47 ability to not only reinvest in Missouri's economy, but also provides an
48 opportunity to stimulate the growth of such businesses, create more
49 hospitable working environments for employees, and stimulate spending.

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51 **Expected Results**

52 As proprietors save profits due to this act, more capital will have the ability
53 to be reinvested into Missouri's economy without causing an increase in the
54 state's deficit.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-034

FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced by:	Christy Kim Jia Nocon
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to establish a state income tax, allowing for a tax reduction towards homeowners using renewable energy sources in their homes.

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30 **Justification**

31 The Residential Energy Efficiency Tax Credit is a federal tax credit to
32 homeowners who have energy efficiency improvements in the building
33 envelope of existing homes and for the purchase of high- efficiency heating,
34 cooling and water-heating equipment, receiving a tax credit worth 30%.

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36 **Expected Results**

37 This would help encourage and promote the use of environmental friendly
38 products in homes. With a federal tax credit enacted, a state tax reduction
39 would help homeowners with financial issues. The technology used would
40 produce little or no pollution, which would benefit the environment, as
41 well.

1 **RSMo**

2 Missouri Statutes Chapter 143 RSMo, section 143.071 is revised to include
3 the following:

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5 143.071 The Department of Revenue shall establish an income tax
6 reduction towards homeowners incorporating renewable energy sources
7 for heating, cooling or the pr

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9 **Key Terms**

10 A renewable energy source is defined as a system including solar, wind,
11 biomass, geothermal, or hydropower technology that produces little or no
12 pollution. The energy system must produce a minimum of 25 KW for the
13 homeowner to be eligible for the tax deduction.

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15 A homeowner is defined as a person who owns a home.

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18 **Proposal for Action**

19 The energy system must be operating in the state of Missouri. The tax
20 deduction goes into effect within 30 days of the installation of the
21 renewable energy system. The tax deduction is only in affect for the period
22 in which the unit operating. Those eligible for this deduction must file proof
23 of the device's operation and cost of the system with the Department of
24 Revenue.

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26 **Effective Date**

27 This additional deduction to RSMo section 143.071 shall go into effect
28 within 90 days of being enacted.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-035

FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced by:	Debbie Levy Carrie Rich
Delegation:	Ladue High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend Chapter 213 RSMo by adding penalties for unlawful employment practices.

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1 **RSMo**
2 213.055
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4 **Key Terms**
5 n/a
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7 **Proposal for Action**
8 Unlawful employment practices--exceptions.
9 213.055. 1. It shall be an unlawful employment practice:
10 (1) For an employer, because of the race, color, religion, national origin, sex,
11 ancestry, age or disability of any individual:
12 (a) To fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to
13 discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms,
14 conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race,
15 color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability;
16 (b) To limit, segregate, or classify his employees or his employment
17 applicants in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual
18 of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his status as an
19 employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, national origin,
20 sex, ancestry, age or disability;
21 (2) For a labor organization to exclude or to expel from its membership any
22 individual or to discriminate in any way against any of its members or
23 against any employer or any individual employed by an employer because
24 of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability of any
25 individual; or to limit, segregate, or classify its membership, or to classify or
26 fail or refuse to refer for employment any individual, in any way which
27 would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment
28 opportunities, or would limit such employment opportunities or otherwise
29 adversely affect his status as an employee or as an applicant for
30 employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, national

31 origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability; or for any employer, labor
32 organization, or joint labor-management committee controlling
33 apprenticeship or other training or retraining, including on-the-job training
34 programs to discriminate against any individual because of his race, color,
35 religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability in admission to, or
36 employment in, any program established to provide apprenticeship or other
37 training;
38 (3) For any employer or employment agency to print or circulate or cause to
39 be printed or circulated any statement, advertisement or publication, or to
40 use any form of application for employment or to make any inquiry in
41 connection with prospective employment, which expresses, directly or
42 indirectly, any limitation, specification, or discrimination, because of race,
43 color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability unless based
44 upon a bona fide occupational qualification or for an employment agency to
45 fail or refuse to refer for employment, or otherwise to discriminate against,
46 any individual because of his race, color, religion, national origin, sex,
47 ancestry, age as it relates to employment, or disability, or to classify or refer
48 for employment any individual on the basis of his race, color, religion,
49 national origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability.
50 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it shall not be an
51 unlawful employment practice for an employer to apply different standards
52 of compensation, or different terms, conditions or privileges of
53 employment pursuant to a bona fide seniority or merit system, or a system
54 which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production or to
55 employees who work in different locations, provided that such differences
56 or such systems are not the result of an intention or a design to
57 discriminate, and are not used to discriminate, because of race, color,
58 religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age or disability, nor shall it be an
59 unlawful employment practice for an employer to give and to act upon the
60 results of any professionally developed ability test, provided that such test,
61 its administration, or action upon the results thereof, is not designed,
62 intended or used to discriminate because of race, color, religion, national
63 origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability.
64 3. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be interpreted to require any
65 employer, employment agency, labor organization, or joint labor-
66 management committee subject to this chapter to grant preferential
67 treatment to any individual or to any group because of the race, color,
68 religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability of such individual or
69 group on account of an imbalance which may exist with respect to the total
70 number or percentage of persons of any race, color, religion, national
71 origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability employed by any employer, referred
72 or classified for employment by any employment agency or labor

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73 organization, admitted to membership or classified by any labor
74 organization, or admitted to or employed in any apprenticeship or other
75 training program, in comparison with the total number or percentage of
76 persons of such race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or
77 disability in any community, state, section, or other area, or in the available
78 workforce in any community, state, section, or other area.

79 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it shall not be an
80 unlawful employment practice for the state or any political subdivision of
81 the state to comply with the provisions of 29 U.S.C. 623 relating to
82 employment as firefighters or law enforcement officers.

83 5. Any employer found, by any law enforcement agency, partaking in
84 unlawful employment practices shall, on the first offense, be fined a flat fee
85 of \$10,000. Any employer found, by any law enforcement agency, partaking
86 in unlawful employment practices shall, on the second offense, be fined a
87 flat fee of \$50,000 and have their license to practice temporarily suspended
88 for six months without pay. Any employer found, by any law enforcement
89 agency partaking in unlawful employment practices shall, on the third
90 offense, be fined a flat fee of \$75,000 and have their license to practice
91 temporarily suspended for twelve months without pay. Any employer
92 found, by any law enforcement agency, partaking in unlawful employment
93 practices shall, on the fourth offense, be removed from their job.
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96 **Effective Date**

97 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
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100 **Justification**

101 Discrimination in the workforce is illegal and intolerable. Current laws have
102 failed to properly reduce or eliminate the amount of discrimination in the
103 workforce. With the addition of harsh penalties, employers will discouraged
104 to partake in unlawful employment practices. This bill provides specific
105 penalties to be inflicted upon employers who discriminate while hiring
106 employees.
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109 **Expected Results**

110 There will be a reduction in the number of employers who participate in
111 unlawful employment practices, thus equalizing job opportunities for
112 minorities.
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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-036	
FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS	
Introduced by:	Tylor Locklin
Delegation:	Bowling Green High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to allow minors to enter in to a credit card contract

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 431.056, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 minor juveniles to be allowed to have credit cards per qualifications
4

5 **Key Terms**

6 "Qualifications" shall be defined as being at least 16 years of age, possess
7 parental consent and earn an average of \$200 every two weeks.
8

9 **Proposal for Action**

10 I propose that any teenager who has a job and makes at least \$200 a week
11 may be able to sign in to a legal contract with a credit card company with
12 parental concent.
13

14 **Effective Date**

15 This act shall take effect on August 28, 2010
16

17 **Justification**

18 This bill would help teach kids responsibility and real life money
19 management.
20

21 **Expected Results**

22 Students will demonstrate a greater appreciation for financial issues which
23 will show up later in life with a stronger economy.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-037

FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced by:	Mobeen Mian
Delegation:	Francis Howell High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Income tax reduction

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33 give the people of Missouri a peace of mind, that the government is there
34 to not only help the corporations, but also the individual Missourians as
35 well.

36

37 Expected Results

38 Help Missourians who are in need of financial help and earn their trust
39 back.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 143

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4 **Key Terms**

5 No key terms are being changed from the current tax law chapter.

6

7 **Proposal for Action**

8 Individuals who have a income of less than \$9,000 do not have to pay
9 income tax. Individuals will have to get a background check and will have to
10 have a committee to decide whether they should receive this exemption, as
11 certain restrictions apply. The committee will look at the individuals
12 expenses and the amount of debt, total family income and along with the
13 value of their private property and whether or not the individual has one or
14 more dependent filed on their tax return the previous years(2 years). The
15 committee will then make the decision if the individual meets the
16 restrictions for the plan. Then for the individuals who have a stated income
17 between \$9,000 - \$18,000 will be have an income tax percent of 5% instead
18 of the already 6%. and individuals with the income of over 199,999 will pay
19 7% income tax to make up for it. Individuals under the age of 21 can qualify
20 for this plan, the same restrictions except they don't have to have a
21 dependent, but instead the individual will have to be the main or secondary
22 income for the whole household. The committee will still have to make the
23 final decision if they will be qualified for the plan.

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26 **Effective Date**

27 This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2012.

28

29 **Justification**

30 This will help family and individuals who are victims of the recession, and
31 will help the victims overcome the economy and increase there amount of
32 income they receive thus decreasing their amount of expenses. This will

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-038

FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced by:	Matthew Swofford Griffin Goodrich
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act related to reducing sales tax on organic foods and raising sales tax on processed foods.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 144, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 sales tax on fast food and organic food.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person, or caused to be
7 engaged in by him, with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either
8 direct or indirect, and the classification of which business is of such
9 character as to be subject to the terms of sections 144.010 to 144.525. The
10 isolated or occasional sale of tangible personal property, service, substance,
11 or thing, by a person not engaged in such business, does not constitute
12 engaging in business within the meaning of sections 144.010 to 144.525
13 unless the total amount of the gross receipts from such sales, exclusive of
14 receipts from the sale of tangible personal property by persons which
15 property is sold in the course of the partial or complete liquidation of a
16 household, farm or nonbusiness enterprise, exceeds three thousand dollars
17 in any calendar year. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be
18 construed to make any sale of property which is exempt from sales tax or
19 use tax on June 1, 1977, subject to that tax thereafter.

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21 "Sale" or "sales" includes installment and credit sales, and the exchange of
22 properties as well as the sale thereof for money, every closed transaction
23 constituting a sale, and means any transfer, exchange or barter, conditional
24 or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of tangible
25 personal property for valuable consideration and the rendering, furnishing
26 or selling for a valuable consideration any of the substances, things and
27 services herein designated and defined as taxable under the terms of
28 sections 144.010 to 144.525.

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30 The noun "tax" means either the tax payable by the purchaser of a
31 commodity or service subject to tax, or the aggregate amount of taxes due
32 from the vendor of such commodities or services during the period for
33 which he or she is required to report his or her collections, as the context
34 may require.

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37 **Proposal for Action**

38 Sales taxes on all fast food will be increased to 20%. Sales taxes on all
39 organic foods will decrease to 1%. The Missouri Department of Revenue
40 will oversee and enforce this act.

41

42 **Effective Date**

43 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010

44

45 **Justification**

46 Organic foods protect from many diseases and cancer. Organic food
47 ensures high food quality, which other conventional foods cannot give.

48

49 **Expected Results**

50 The public will begin to buy more organic foods and less fast foods. This will
51 allow the organic foods industry to grow and the fast food industry to
52 decrease in size. This will reduce the amount of disease caused by obesity,
53 such as heart disease, diabetes (type 2), respiratory problems, liver damage,
54 and stroke.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-039

FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced by:	Jason Zhang Ankit Gupta
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Reduction of Plastic Bag Usage with an Incentive of a Tax Credit Benefit

1 **RSMo**

2 260

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Plastic bag – a carryout bag that is composed primarily of thermoplastic
6 synthetic polymeric material, which is provided by a store to a customer at
7 the point of sale and incidental to the purchase of other goods

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9 Eco-friendly bags- bags constructed out of recyclable materials, such as
10 cloth, these bags can be reused in any store

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13 **Proposal for Action**

14 Due to the detrimental effects of plastic bags on the environment, retailers
15 shall have the choice between providing their customers with eco-friendly
16 bags or offering them plastic bags. A retail store will receive 2% state
17 government tax credit if it eliminates the distribution of plastic bags and
18 replaces it with the sale of eco-friendly bags. These bags can be reused
19 when visiting any other retail stores.

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21 Plastic bags are to be completely removed unless the bag is used solely to
22 hold unpackaged portions of the following items:

- 23 (1) Fresh fish products
- 24 (2) Fresh meat products
- 25 (3) Fresh poultry products
- 26 (4) Fresh produce

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29 **Effective Date**

30 This act shall take effect on December 23, 2012

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32 **Justification**

33 Distribution of plastic bags by retailers to consumers for use in carrying or
34 storing purchased items has a hazardous effect on the environment. In
35 addition, discarded plastic bags contribute to overflowing landfills, threaten
36 wildlife, and demean the natural landscape. Furthermore, the
37 manufacturing process of plastic bags requires consumption of oil and
38 natural gas. It is in the best interests of the citizens of this State to
39 immediately reduce the distribution and use of plastic bags.

40

41 **Expected Results**

42 This act will reduce the harmful effects of plastic bags on the environment.
43 Many companies will be inclined by the tax benefit to adopt this policy, thus
44 preserving our mothership for future generations of humanoids.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-068

FINANCES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced by:	Drew Nelson
Delegation:	Francis Howell High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Tax Credit For Fuel Efficient Cars

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 143

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4 **Key Terms**
5 "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143,
6 RSMo, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265,
7 RSMo;

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9 **Proposal for Action**
10 For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer shall be
11 allowed to claim a tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability in the
12 amount of \$500 for purchasing a new gas efficient vehicle that gets a
13 combined thirty MPG or better

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15 The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not exceed the amount of the
16 taxpayer's state tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is
17 claimed, and such taxpayer shall not be allowed to claim a tax credit in
18 excess of \$500.

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20 To qualify for the tax credit, the taxpayer must submit a receipt proving
21 their purchase of a fuel efficient car that year with their Missouri income
22 tax form, filling out their tax credit amount in the indicated tax form area.

23
24 The Department of Revenue will oversee the implementation and
25 enforcement of this new tax credit.

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28 **Effective Date**
29 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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31 **Justification**

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32 Fuel efficient cars use less gas creating more money in our citizens pockets
33 also using less gas making our state more efficient. Giving tax payers a \$500
34 incentive for buying this kind of car will encourage them to buy this type of
35 vehicle and boost the economy. similar to the federal CARS program in that
36 you do not need a clunker it is also similar to the federal income tax credit
37 for fuel efficient cars passed a couple of years ago. this is not just limited to
38 American cars that qualify for this program.

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40 **Expected Results**
41 More Missouri taxpayers will buy a fuel efficient car, Thus saving money on
42 their gas bill every month, and making Missouri a more efficient state.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-045

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Melissa Ashley Beth Anderson
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Random Drug Testing in High Schools

1 **RSMo**

2 577

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4 **Key Terms**

5 “Drug” any natural or artificially made chemical which is taken for a non-
6 medical purpose.

7 “Random” done or chosen by chance rather than according to a plan

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10 **Proposal for Action**

11 All students in high school will be randomly drug tested once a year by their
12 high school. These drug tests will be done by the taking of a hair from the
13 head of the student. Enforcement of this will be commissioned by school
14 administrators and registered with the Missouri Department of Education.

15 If the student tests positive, parents can pay for a retest to be done within a
16 two day period. There will also be a meeting between the parents and
17 administration at this point. If the student still tests positive they must
18 attend drug rehab for 90 days at their own expense.

19 In a subsequent year if a student tests positive a second time all school-
20 related extracurricular activities will be taken away for the remainder of the
21 school year. Also on the second offense students will be required to attend
22 150 days of drug rehab at their own expense.

23 Upon any further offenses students will lose privileges to all school-related
24 extracurricular activities for the remainder of the current school year and
25 be required to attend 180 (in accordance with the Missouri Safe School’s
26 Act) days of drug rehab at their own expense.

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29 **Effective Date**

30 Start of 2010-2011 school year (varies from school to school)

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32 **Justification**

33 Early drug use leads to a lifetime of use. Drug use increases in high school
34 years.

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36 **Expected Results**

37 Drug possession, consumption, distribution and related offenses will
38 decrease, thus increasing the educational environment conducive to
39 learning.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-046

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Ellen Beetz
Delegation:	Lindbergh High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to allow the purchase, possession, and consumption of beer and wine at age eighteen and all other alcoholic substances at age twenty one.

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 311
- 3
- 4 **Key Terms**
- 5 Binge drinking- drinking alcoholic beverages with the primary intention of
- 6 becoming intoxicated by heavy consumption of alcohol over a short period
- 7 of time.
- 8
- 9 Beer- an alcoholic beverage usually made from malted cereal grain (as
- 10 barley), flavored with hops, and brewed by slow fermentation.
- 11
- 12 Wine- the alcoholic fermented juice of fresh grapes used as a beverage.
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- 14 Hard liquor- Distilled alcoholic beverages, such as gin or whiskey, with a
- 15 high alcohol content.
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- 17 DWI- Driving while intoxicated, punishable by law
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- 19 DUI- Driving under the influence, punishable by law
- 20
- 21 Drunk driving- driving with a blood alcohol level above .08
- 22
- 23 Brewery- an establishment for the manufacture of malt liquors, such as
- 24 beer and ale
- 25
- 26 Winery- an establishment at which wine is made
- 27
- 28 MIP- Minor in possession of alcohol
- 29
- 30 MIC- Minor in consumption of alcohol

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- 32 **Proposal for Action**
- 33 To allow the purchase, possession, and consumption of beer and wine at
- 34 age eighteen. This would not permit the purchase, possession, and
- 35 consumption of hard liquor. To purchase, possess, and consume hard
- 36 liquor is still deemed illegal until age twenty one.
- 37
- 38 **Effective Date**
- 39 As of January 1, 2010, the purchasing, possession, and consumption of beer
- 40 and wine at age eighteen will be permissible and no longer punishable by
- 41 law.
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- 45 **Justification**
- 46 No additional funding is required to complete this bill.
- 47 Lowering the age to legally purchase, possess, and consume beer and wine
- 48 to eighteen will reduce the amount of binge drinking, solely on the fact that
- 49 it is legal and wine and beer possess a very low alcohol content. As such,
- 50 less drunk driving will occur, decreasing the amount of DWI's and DUI's, and
- 51 putting less civilians at risk on the road. There will also be fewer charges of
- 52 MIP's or MIC's in the state of Missouri. Breweries and wineries sales will
- 53 increase, putting more revenue into circulation and creating more jobs for
- 54 people.
- 55
- 56 **Expected Results**
- 57 Less binge drinking will occur as a result of this bill. And as such, less drunk
- 58 driving will occur. The increase in alcohol consumption will positively affect
- 59 breweries and wineries creating more jobs in the economy.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-047 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Anna Blasberg Claire Rogan
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Tanning Salons Banned for Minors

1 **RSMo**

2 Article IV Section 37

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4 **Key Terms**

5 Minor: Person under 18

6 Parental Consent: Parental accompaniment to tanning salon along with
7 signature at the tanning salon Tanning Salon: Instution equipped with
8 tanning beds for the purposes to darken skin via intensified UV rays

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11 **Proposal for Action**

12 We hope to lessen the amount of tanning therefore decreasing the chances
13 of skin cancer. By making parental consent mandatory we hope that the
14 parents will know about the risks that tanning beds pose and therefore
15 discourage tanning.

16

17 **Effective Date**

18 This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2010.

19

20 **Justification**

21 Because of the new research out about how tanning increases the risk of
22 deadly skin cancer and is detrimental to the health of humans, minors
23 shouldn't be able to go tanning without parental consent until they are 18.

24

25 **Expected Results**

26 We expect the rate of deadly skin cancer resulting from excessive tanning at
27 a young age to decrease. Also to promote a healthier self image with
28 models and media portraying fair un-tanned skin.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-048 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Peter Krusing Jon Drewett
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	The installment of video surveillance cameras on all public school buses.

1 **RSMo**

2 Article IX Section 3(a), RSMo, is amended and a new section is created
3 regarding cameras on buses.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 Public school buses are any buses that transport students to or from public
7 schools. This includes Voluntary Transfer Students as well as district
8 students.

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10 **Proposal for Action**

11 The cameras will be installed at the head of the bus with a view of every
12 passenger on the bus including the driver. The funding for the cameras will
13 be put on the private bus companies to implement the cameras on their
14 buses. The price for a camera is approximately \$1,100. The Department of
15 Elementary and Secondary Education will oversee and enforce all actions
16 involving the implementation of the cameras. Beyond that, the individual
17 school districts will be in charge of the cameras in terms of when they want
18 the video recorded and how they want the cameras used.

19

20 **Effective Date**

21 This act shall take effect on August 15, 2010

22

23 **Justification**

24 As violence on buses increase, a need for eyes on a bus is mandatory.
25 School districts need to talk a proactive approach to the safety of their
26 students. Cameras provide a visual confirmation for both the students and
27 the drivers. As seen in the Belleville West bus violence on Sept. 15, 2009,
28 the cameras eliminated claims that bus driver acted wrongly during the
29 situation. The cameras also provided administrators with video to help

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30 them determine the extent of the violence and to learn from the
31 experience.

32
33 **Expected Results**

34 The expectation is for the violence on buses to be cut down and to provide
35 administrators evidence of violence. It is also expected to provide
36 administrators with help on creating rules to help prevent bus violence.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-049 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Sean McWay Caroline Curran
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Ammend Missouri Staute 213 to Include the Protection of Sexual Orientation Against Employment discrimination.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 213, RSMo, and a new section is added to garentee the prevention
3 of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 There are no key terms for this act.

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8 **Proposal for Action**

9 All places of employment in Missouri will be prevented from hiring, firing,
10 deciding pay, and any other form of discrimination based on an employees's
11 sexual orientation.

12

13 **Effective Date**

14 This act shall take effect immediantly.

15

16 **Justification**

17 All people deserve equal oppertunities in the work place. Nineteen other
18 states legislatures have already added sexual orientation to under
19 protection regarding employment discrimination and Missouri should take
20 this important step towards equal right too.

21

22 **Expected Results**

23 This act will create a more comfortable work environment for employees.
24 Employees will know they were not denied a job or made less money
25 because of their sexual orientation.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-050

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Johanna Moeller
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to remove age limits on the banning of texting while driving.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding age
3 restrictions on texting while driving.

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5 **Key Terms**
6 “Electronic messages” are defined in Section 304.820, RSMo, which
7 includes, but are not limited to, electronic mail, a text message, an instant
8 message, or a command or request to access an Internet site.
9 “Electronic wireless communication devices” are defined in Section
10 304.820, RSMo, which includes any cellular phone, palm pilot, blackberry,
11 or other mobile electronic device used to communicate verbally or by text
12 or electronic messaging, but shall not include any built-in navigational or
13 emergency road service assistance system.

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16 **Proposal for Action**
17 All drivers not operating an authorized emergency vehicle; or a moving
18 motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to:
19 report illegal activity; or summon medical or other emergency help will be
20 required to adopt a policy for the banning of using electronic wireless
21 communication devices while operating a moving motor vehicle. The
22 Department of Revenue and Roadway Safety will carefully regulate and
23 monitor all drivers for violation of this policy and act appropriately to those
24 who disregard this law. Any driver who is caught using an electronic
25 wireless communications device other than the previously mentioned
26 reasons will be guilty of an infraction.

27
28 **Effective Date**
29 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

30
31 **Justification**

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32 Talking on a cell phone causes nearly 25% of car accidents. A survey of
33 1,000 United States adults found that those under 25 are not the only ones
34 who text behind the wheel. One-fifth of experienced adult drivers in the
35 United States send text messages while driving. The most effective way to
36 reduce cell-phone related accidents is to broaden the age restrictions to all
37 licensed drivers to reduce distractions while driving and encourage all
38 drivers to practice safe driving with few disturbances.

39
40 **Expected Results**
41 Young adults will feel less targeted and more probable to follow rules and
42 regulations concerning texting while driving with the assurance of safe,
43 undistracted drivers surrounding them. The public and officers as a whole
44 will feel greater relief knowing the community and all citizens are more
45 cautious on the roadways, without using cellular commutative devices.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-051

RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Introduced by:	Michael Perll
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Distribute Property Taxes On Utilities to All Missouri Public School Districts

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 137, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created that regards
3 distributing 20% of all property taxes collected from public utility
4 companies throughout all Missouri Public School districts.

5
6 **Key Terms**

7 The term “public utility” will be defined as telegraph, telephone, electric
8 power and light companies, electric transmission lines, pipeline companies
9 and express companies.

10
11 **Proposal for Action**

12 Beginning August 28th, 2010, 20 percent of all property tax collected by
13 both the state of Missouri and local governments from public utilities shall
14 be placed into a fund controlled by the Missouri Department of Education.
15 From this point, the accumulated funds will be equally distributed
16 throughout all Missouri Public School districts each year as part of their
17 yearly budget.

18
19 **Effective Date**

20 This bill shall take effect on August 28th, 2010.

21
22 **Justification**

23 There are a select few counties throughout the state of Missouri that are
24 fortunate enough to have some form of public utility within their borders.
25 These public utilities are taxed heavily, especially in the form of property
26 taxes, which usually generates a considerably large amount of tax dollars.
27 The public school districts within these particular counties are therefore
28 able to use a large portion of the property taxes. This substantially increases
29 their funding.

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31 While the aforementioned schools benefit from these property taxes, other
32 counties are not as fortunate to have had these utilities built on their land,
33 leaving them at an extreme disadvantage when it comes to budgeting
34 money towards education.

35

36 By taking all property taxes placed on utilities and placing them into one
37 assemblage, then distributing them equally to all public schools throughout
38 the state, funding for education will increase as a whole. Geographical
39 location will be less of an issue when it comes to a school district’s funding.

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42 **Expected Results**

43 The amount of state funding supplied to each school district will increase
44 significantly, therefore allowing for a better learning environment in all
45 schools, higher wages for teachers, capital improvements, etc. This, in turn,
46 can aid the students in learning, and ideally, increase performance in the
47 classroom, on test scores, and better our state’s youth in general.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-052 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Alexander Russo
Delegation:	Francis Howell High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Strike Prevention For Public School Transportation

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 304, RsMO is amended and a new section is created regarding
- 3 strike prevention of public school transportation.
- 4
- 5 **Key Terms**
- 6 Bus drivers do deserve rights, but not at the cost of education. Some
- 7 students do carpool, but the majority use their school's transportation. A
- 8 strike during the school year would cause an explosion of absences and
- 9 tardies. Parents would have to drive their kids to school, causing even more
- 10 problems.
- 11
- 12 **Proposal for Action**
- 13 My act would propose a statute, forbidding school bus drivers from striking
- 14 from the first day of the active school year to the last day of the active
- 15 school year.
- 16
- 17 **Effective Date**
- 18 By August 1, 2010
- 19
- 20 **Justification**
- 21 The service provided by school bus drivers is as valuable as those of firemen
- 22 and policemen, and so they should have the same restrictions as them.
- 23
- 24 **Expected Results**
- 25 Increased diesel gas prices, budget cuts to pay for the extra labor, bus
- 26 drivers resigning, fewer tardies and absences.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-053 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Jack Stumpf Wil Axmacher
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Castle Law

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 563.031 to be amended.
- 3
- 4 **Key Terms**
- 5 "Deadly force," physical force which the actor uses with the purpose of
- 6 creating a substantial risk of causing death or serious physical injury
- 7
- 8 "Workplace," any place a citizen holds lawful employment
- 9
- 10 **Proposal for Action**
- 11 Citizens will be able to use deadly force, if necessary (as defined by
- 12 563.031), to defend themselves not only in their dwelling or vehicle, but in
- 13 the workplace as well.
- 14
- 15
- 16 **Effective Date**
- 17 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
- 18
- 19 **Justification**
- 20 Some people experience more potential danger at their workplace than at
- 21 their home. Citizens should have the right to defend themselves at the
- 22 workplace as well.
- 23
- 24 **Expected Results**
- 25 Both patrons and employees of Missouri businesses will feel safer and more
- 26 at ease. Criminals will be deterred from committing illicit acts upon local
- 27 businesses while crime rates drop statewide.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-054

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Introduced by:	Aida Vajzovic Shelby Zink
Delegation:	Lindbergh High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Prevent the Purchasing of animals from Puppy Mills

1 **RSMo**

2 Section A. Chapter 578 RSMo, by adding thereto one new section, to be
3 known as section 578.571 to read as follows:

4
5 578.571. It is illegal for all companies or individuals to purchase animals
6 from puppy breeding mills or facilities and if law is viola

7
8 **Key Terms**

9 Section B. For the purpose of this bill, the term "Puppy Mill" will be
10 recognized as any one facility that thrives on the market of breeding various
11 types of puppies and then obtains a profit from the selling of these animals
12 to different companies or individuals. These institutions often are
13 distinguished by their inhumane conditions and acts of brutality toward the
14 animals.

15
16 **Proposal for Action**

17 There will be government approved regulations for the puppy holding
18 establishments. These regulations consist of several sanitary and clean
19 kennels for which to keep the puppies, healthy and nutritious food to be
20 fed to the animals, designated playtime outside for the puppies, and
21 comfortable bedding provided for them to sleep. If conditions of the facility
22 meet the expected standards, then these shelters may sell the animals for
23 the sole purpose of finding that animal a loving home, not through the
24 process of breeding for profit.

25
26 **Effective Date**

27 This law will go into effect beginning January 1st, 2010. This allows enough
28 time for the breeding institutions to either drastically alter the conditions
29 and the environment of the establishment, or ultimately end the business
30 altogether.

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32 **Justification**

33 The dogs in these puppy mills live in very inhumane conditions. They are
34 forced to live in small, cramped spaces and often have only a wire cage to
35 call home. Missouri is one of seven "puppy mill states" that have the
36 majority of puppy mills in the country. Of these seven states, Missouri has
37 over 4,000 puppy mills, making it the "puppy mill capital of the world".

38

39 **Expected Results**

40 From the ratification of this bill, it is expected that all inhumane puppy mills
41 will meet the government approved standards for housing the puppies or
42 terminate the business if guidelines cannot be met. By eliminating the mill
43 businesses' sole source of profit, this bill aims to prevent animal cruelty and
44 cease the violence inflicted upon animals within the mills.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-055 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	MaryAnn Van Walleghen
Delegation:	Francis Howell High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Equal Rights for Women

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 337
- 3
- 4 **Key Terms**
- 5 Equal rights and restrictions for women and men.
- 6
- 7 **Proposal for Action**
- 8 Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the
- 9 United States or by any State on account of sex.
- 10
- 11 **Effective Date**
- 12 This act shall take effect on August 28, 2010
- 13
- 14 **Justification**
- 15 I am proposing this bill because I have seen many cases in which sexism is
- 16 still at large, even in the military (especially in the military), and I believe it's
- 17 time for Missouri to finally accept change and give women equal rights.
- 18
- 19 **Expected Results**
- 20 Equal rights and restrictions for women.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-056 RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
Introduced by:	Megan Weber
Delegation:	Francis Howell North High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend sections 571.101-571.107, RSMo, in order to restrict the concealed carry endorsement to active members in Missouri's armed forces or Missouri's law enforcement officers when on duty.

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 RSMo 571.101-571.107
- 3
- 4 **Key Terms**
- 5 MILITARY. That which belongs or relates to the army.
- 6
- 7
- 8 **Proposal for Action**
- 9 Restrict the concealed carry endorsement, application requirements--
- 10 approval procedures--issuance of of certificates to active members of the
- 11 Armed forces stationed in Missouri and Missouri Law enforcement
- 12 officers.
- 13
- 14 **Effective Date**
- 15 This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2010.
- 16
- 17 **Justification**
- 18 This proposal amends chapter 571.101-571.107 except when dealing with
- 19 active members of the armed forces of Missouri or the on duty law
- 20 enforcement officer of Missouri. To be enforced by the each county's local
- 21 Sherrif's office
- 22
- 23 **Expected Results**
- 24 This proposal will pas, and go into effect January 1, 2010

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HOUSE: # H-060

STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduced by:	Bola Akinola Sam Pauley
Delegation:	Trinity Catholic High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act related to the prevention of crime in local communities.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 589, RSMo, is amended and a new section is added in relation to
3 the prevention of crime in local communities.
4
5 **Key Terms**
6 "Missouri crime prevention information and programming fund", as defined
7 in section 589.307, RSMo;
8
9 "Fair", based on need;
10
11 "Public school district", any district that operates elementary schools
12 and/or high schools at public expense;
13
14 "Local government", any city, county or village;
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18 **Proposal for Action**
19 Monies from the Missouri crime prevention information and programming
20 fund will be fairly distributed to all public school districts throughout the
21 state of Missouri for the purpose of assisting the establishment or
22 enhancement of local crime prevention programs. These local crime
23 prevention programs shall use a proactive approach toward preventing
24 crime by children and young adults under the age of twenty-one.
25
26 Such programs would include, but not be limited to: community crime
27 prevention, drug abuse prevention in schools, community-oriented policing,
28 family violence prevention, juvenile delinquency prevention, gang-related
29 activity prevention, gun violence prevention, and
30 school violence prevention.

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31
32 Once the program is established, the state shall provide one-third of the
33 funding, the local government or local governments shall contribute one-
34 third and the public school district or public school districts shall also
35 contribute one-third.
36
37 The department of public safety shall create, administer and broadcast such
38 rules and regulations as are necessary for the administration of this act.
39 Included in these rules and regulations shall be procedures for triennial
40 audits of all local crime prevention programs.
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46 **Effective Date**
47 This act shall take effect on August 28, 2010.
48
49
50 **Justification**
51 We want to do this because it will keep our schools and neighborhoods
52 safe, and to keep our future generations safer.
53
54 **Expected Results**
55 The rate for teen-on-teen violence should drop significantly. Urban areas,
56 such as St. Louis, will not be considered the "number one most dangerous
57 city in America."

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-061

STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduced by:	Jonathan Boyd Fernando Warren Jr.
Delegation:	Carnahan High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Gangbusters!

1 **RSMo**
2 .475600

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4 **Key Terms**

- 5 (1A) "Criminal street gang", any ongoing organization, association, or group
6 of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its
7 primary activities the commission of one or more of the criminal acts
8 enumerated in subdivision (1B) of this section, which has a common name
9 or common identifying sign or symbol, whose members individually or
10 collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity;
11 (2) "Pattern of criminal street gang activity", the commission, attempted
12 commission, or solicitation of two or more of the following offenses,
13 provided at least one of those offenses occurred after August 28, 1993, and
14 the last of those offenses occurred within three years after a prior offense,
15 and the offenses are committed on separate occasions, or by two or more
16 persons:
17 (3) Assault with a deadly weapon or by means of force likely to cause
18 serious physical injury, as provided in sections 565.050 and 565.060, RSMo;
19 (4) Robbery, arson and those offenses under chapter 569, RSMo, which are
20 related to robbery and arson;
21 (5) Murder or manslaughter, as provided in sections 565.020 to 565.024,
22 RSMo;
23 (6) Any violation of the provisions of chapter 195, RSMo, which involves the
24 distribution, delivery or manufacture of a substance prohibited by chapter
25 195, RSMo;
26 (7) Unlawful use of a weapon which is a felony pursuant to section 571.030,
27 RSMo;
28 (8) Tampering with witnesses and victims, as provided in section 575.270,
29 RSMo.

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30 (9)Gang Activity-buying and selling of drugs, discharging firearms, robbing
31 and assaulting residents and by creating an atmosphere of fear and
32 intimidation.

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34 **Proposal for Action**

35 This revision is to be constituted as an amendment to the above mentioned
36 document regarding the punishment for gang activity and recruiting or
37 retaining youthful gang members.

38 It will be a felony to brand a person under the age of 18 with a gang brand
39 or tattoo.

40 Our bill ask for a prison sentence of up to 10 years and/or a maximum fine
41 of \$10,000 against anyone deterring someone from quitting a gang, or
42 retaliating against that person.

43 Our PARENT PROTECTION AND SUPPORT Act will require all parents of
44 minor gang members (those 17 and under) to attending parenting classes to
45 increase support for young people staying out of gangs.

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48 **Effective Date**

49 January 1st, 2010

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51 **Justification**

52 The gang members who are convicted of serious, violent crimes need to be
53 deterred from engaging in criminal activities. This bill can and will bring
54 about a change, it will empower parents and young gang members who
55 wish to leave gangs, it will deter others from targeting young people and it
56 will provide harsh penalties for those who intimidate children into gangs or
57 from leaving gangs. This bill is a way to alter a major epidemic in the urban
58 communities. This bill is written to protect the vulnerable youth that are
59 heavily influenced by peer pressure. Also branding makes it more difficult
60 for young people to leave gangs and puts them at risk for violence and
61 discrimination later.

62
63 **Expected Results**

64 We expect to see a dramatic drop in the involvement of inner city youths in
65 gang recruitment. We want to protect young people and empower them
66 with the knowledge of the law. We need to give parents of young gang
67 members' tools to keep their kids out of gangs. This will make the criminals
68 contemplate the consequences of their actions.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-062

STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduced by:	Deena Dalton Andrew Wortmann
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend RSMo 595.026 to create a more fair compensation for a false imprisonment redemption.

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30 then you could accept the \$18,250. You must be incarcerated for at least
31 one year to be eligible. This will be funded by the federal government.
32
33 **Expected Results**
34 Innocent people that come out of prison get a more fair compensation for
35 their loss and wasted time providing the person signs the waiver.

1 **RSMo**
2 595.026
3
4 **Key Terms**
5 "Innocent" shall be defined as not in any way committing the crime accused
6 of.
7 "Compensation" shall be defined as to make amends for the wasted time.
8 "Waiver" shall be defined as a document that releases some from liability
9 "Incarcerate" shall be defined as being sent away to jail or prison.
10 "Entitled" shall be defined as given the option to own something.
11 "Income" shall be defined as money earned by employment.
12
13 **Proposal for Action**
14 The purpose of this amendment is to give any person incarcerated and later
15 found innocent and released the option to be entitled to a more fair
16 compensation. The minimum compensation a person could receive \$18,250
17 in one year or if 50% of their previous year's income is more than \$18,250
18 they could take that instead. If the person accepts any money at all, they
19 must sign a waiver releasing all entities of liability.
20
21 **Effective Date**
22 This bill shall go into effect on April 1st, 2010.
23
24 **Justification**
25 As of right now, if you are falsely incarcerated you get a compensation of
26 \$50 per day of incarceration. If incarcerated for one year, (365 days) you
27 could receive a compensation of \$18,250. Adding this amendment, you
28 could have a higher compensation of 50% of the previous year's income. If
29 you are unemployed or fifty percent of your income is less than \$18,250

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-063 STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Tony Dummerth Jacob Jenkins
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Legalize Sports Gambling in Missouri

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 572 RSMo. The bill adds Missouri to the legal states of sports
3 gambling.
4
5 **Key Terms**
6 Sports Gambling- The wagering of money or something valuable on a
7 sporting event in attempt to win more money or goods.
8 Juice- The better must place 10% more than what he wants to win. This
9 allows the holder to make money.
10
11 **Proposal for Action**
12 Missouri should be able to have a statewide place set up to hold sports
13 bets. There should be government owned and operated buildings or places
14 in casinos to hold such bets. These bets will abide to the same rules as
15 those in Nevada and Delaware.
16
17 **Effective Date**
18 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.
19
20 **Justification**
21 With the government running the system, they can set up a 10% juice effect
22 on all bets, thus giving them a 10% profit of all the money that is being
23 wagered. This will help stimulate the economy, and give the the
24 government more money.
25
26 **Expected Results**
27 More jobs will open up for people to run these institutions that hold the
28 bets. There will be a better circulation of money to help get out of this
29 recession.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-064 STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Max Fei Lara Mertens
Delegation:	Lindbergh High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to Designate Batman as the Official State Superhero

1 **RSMo**
2 10.15
3
4 **Key Terms**
5 For the purpose of this bill, the term “superhero” will be recognized as any
6 one fictional individual who possesses either superhuman powers, or has
7 mastered skills such as martial arts and forensic sciences. The said
8 individual must also have experience in costumed-crime fighting. The term
9 “costumed-crime fighting” will be recognized as wearing clothing so as to
10 mask one’s identity when combating evil of any sorts.
11
12 **Proposal for Action**
13 Chapter 10, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
14 known as section 10.150, to read as follows:
15
16 10.150. Batman, secretly identified as Bruce Wayne, is selected for and
17 shall be known as the official superhero of the state of Missouri.
18
19
20 **Effective Date**
21 This act shall take effect on December 1, 2009.
22
23 **Justification**
24 Batman's roots in fact originated in Missouri, Lester Dent, born in La Plata,
25 Missouri, was one of the most renowned pulp fiction writers in the 1930's
26 and the 1940's, and created the superhuman scientist and adventurer
27 named Doc Savage, who was the basis upon which DC built Batman. Doc
28 Savage was a master of martial arts, had a vast knowledge of the sciences,
29 was a master of disguise, and was described by Dent as having a mix of
30 Sherlock Holmes' deductive abilities and Tarzan's outstanding physical

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31 abilities. Doc Savage also utilized many high-tech (relative to the time
32 period) gadgets, many of which became reality, including: answering
33 machines, television, the automatic transmission, night vision goggles, and
34 hand-held automatic weapons.

35

36 **Expected Results**

37 Batman will become the state superhero.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-065 STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Charlie Jaschek Ben Jenkins
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to prevent convicted sexual offenders from gaining access to social networking websites.

1 **RSMo**

2 A new statute under title 38, chapter 566 of the RSMo.

3

4 **Key Terms**

5 A "Sex Offender" is one who has been convicted of any crime under Title
6 38, Chapter 566, Chapter 567.010 (prostitution) or any other sexual related
7 crime listed in the RSMo.

8

9 A "Social Networking Website" is any site that focuses on building an online
10 community of people. These sites usually allow people to connect with
11 each other via e-mail and/ or other instant message.

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14 **Proposal for Action**

- 15 1. All convicted sexual offenders will not be permitted to acquire an
16 account on any of the following social networking sites:
17 Myspace.com, Facebook.com, Hi5.com, Twitter.com, Bebo.com,
18 Blackplanet.com, Youtube.com, Gamebattles.com, Ning.com, last.fm.com.
- 19
- 20 2. All users of any social networking site mentioned above must prove their
21 own true identity with a legitimate birth certificate, driver's license, driver's
22 permit, non-driver's license, or passport.
- 23
- 24 3. The Missouri State Highway Patrol, within their license bureau offices,
25 will solely have the responsibility to set up these social networking sites.
26 They must not allow any convicted sexual offender (currently on a database
27 also ran by MSHP) to acquire one of the aforementioned social networking
28 sites. They check the identification, and allow the user to set up a
29 username and a password for the site.

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31 4. The account holder solely has the right to log on to their account only.
32 No person may log on to any other persons account.

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35 **Effective Date**

36 This act shall take effect on August 28th, 2012.

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38 **Justification**

39 U.S. Department of Justice statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men
40 will experience some kind of sexual assault in their lifetime. Statistics also
41 show that 67% of sexual assaults have victims under the age of 18. As of
42 July 4th, 2009, there was almost 72 million Americans registered with an
43 account on Facebook alone. Many child molestation charges, have started
44 with a "friendly chat" online. Stopping sex offenders from having an
45 account, and especially from faking an account (age, name, gender), will
46 help stop internet predators, and protect our children.

47

48 **Expected Results**

49 All sexual offenders are banished from social networking sites, and all users
50 of said sites will have their true identity (name, age, gender) posted.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-066 STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Ami Keating Allie Tunnickliff
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Economic Stimulus Debit Cards

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 156, RSMo, is to be added in regards to an economic stimulus
3 package.
4
5 **Key Terms**
6 Qualifying income.
7 For purposes of the 2010 stimulus cards, qualifying income includes income
8 from the following sources in 2009: earned income, social security income,
9 Railroad Retirement benefits, veteran's disability compensation, and
10 pension or survivors' benefits received from the Department of Veterans
11 Affairs. However, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) does not count as
12 qualifying income for the 2010 tax rebate.
13
14 Phase-out range.
15 For the purpose of the 2010 stimulus cards, the phase-out ranges are an
16 adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$75,000 - \$87,000 for single or head of
17 household tax filers; AGI of \$150,000- \$174,000 for married couples filing
18 jointly.
19
20 Total rebate.
21 Refers to the individual rebate amount plus the qualifying child rebate
22 amount (if there are qualifying children) minus the phase out reduction
23 amount (if there is a high income that is in the phase out range, which is
24 outlined below).
25
26 Individuals.
27 Men and women with tax filing status as anything but "married filing
28 jointly."
29
30 Couples.
31 Men and women with a tax filing status of "married filing jointly"

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33 **Proposal for Action**
34 Debit cards of pre-determined amounts will be sent to each Missouri
35 household, based on a specific guidelines for how much each will receive.
36 The aim is to stimulate the state's economy in an organized fashion.
37 Residents of Missouri will be elligible for a debit card based on the following
38 guidelines:
39
40 Individuals with adjusted gross income of up to \$75,000 and who paid
41 federal income tax.
42 Individuals who filed a tax return but who paid no income tax, provided
43 they had at least \$3,000 in qualifying income in 2009.
44
45 Couples with joint adjusted gross income up to \$150,000 who paid federal
46 income tax.
47 Couples who filed a tax return but who paid no income tax, provided they
48 had at least \$3,000 total in joint qualifying income in 2009.
49 Seniors with at least \$3,000 in social security income in 2009.
50 Military veterans receiving disability payments in 2009.
51
52 Residents who are not elligible include those who:
53
54 Did not (do not) file a 2009 federal tax return.
55
56 Did not pay taxes in 2009 and qualifying income is less than \$3,000.
57
58 Can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return (e.g. a student
59 who can be claimed on a parent's return).
60
61 Do not have a social security number.
62
63 Are a nonresident alien.
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65 In 2009, filed Form 1040NR, Form 1040NR-EZ, Form 1040PR, or Form
66 1040SS.
67
68 Debit Card Distribution Brackets
69
70 Individuals with adjusted gross income of up to \$75,000 who paid federal
71 income tax will receive a \$400 rebate. Individuals who filed a tax return but
72 who paid no income tax will receive a rebate of \$220, provided they had at
73 least \$3,000 in qualifying income in 2009.

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75 Couples with joint adjusted gross income up to \$150,000 who paid federal
76 income will receive \$800 total (\$400 each). Couples who filed a tax return
77 but who paid no income tax will receive a rebate of \$220 (\$110 each)
78 provided they had at least \$3,000 total in joint qualifying income in 2009.
79
80 Seniors with at least \$3,000 in social security income will receive a \$220
81 rebate (\$400 for couples). Military veterans receiving disability payments
82 will also receive a \$220 rebate (\$400 for couples).
83
84 All tax filers who are eligible for an "individual" rebate and who declare one
85 or more dependent children on their tax returns will receive an additional
86 \$220 per dependent child, with no limit on the number of child-based
87 rebates. The child's qualifications needed for this child-based rebate are the
88 same as for the Child Tax Credit, which are as follows:
89
90 The child must be under 17 years of age at the end of the year in which the
91 tax returns are being filed (and the CTC is being claimed).
92
93 The child must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien.
94
95 The child must be claimed as a dependent on the tax return.
96
97 The child must have a social security number or other form of identification.
98
99 The child must be the potential recipients': son, daughter, stepson,
100 stepdaughter, grandchild, brother, sister, stepbrother, or stepsister (or his
101 or her child or grandchild) provided the child is cared for as own child,
102 adopted child, or "eligible foster child."
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104 Funding
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106 The money for this bill will be funded by the fines from tax evasion and
107 other forms of tax fraud.
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109 Further Guidelines
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111 The rebate to be received is not going to exceed the amount of tax paid in
112 2009.
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114 For single tax filers, the returns are reduced by 5% for the amount of their
115 AGI (adjusted gross income) over \$75,000. For married couples, the return
116 is reduced by 5% for the amount of their AGI over \$150,000.

117
118 The money set aside for this bill will be put into a bank account monitored
119 by the treasury.. Like a bank account, statements of money remaining will
120 be sent monthly to each household. Amount of money spent that exceeds
121 the predetermined amount for each household will be billed after

- 122
123 a) January 31, 2012, or
124
125 b) The month following the last transaction of government-allotted amount.

126
127 The debit cards must be put into use no later than January 31, 2012. If
128 money remains on the card(s) at that date, the money will be put toward
129 the state’s tax revenue.

130
131 The cards can only be used in the state of Missouri . Use in any other state
132 will result in a fine of \$25.00 for each violation.

133
134 **Effective Date**
135 This bill is to be enacted no sooner than July 31, 2010.

136
137 **Justification**
138 The economic standing of the state is deemed to be inadequate and, thus,
139 could use improvement.

140
141 **Expected Results**
142 The expectation is to increase circulation of money in the state of Missouri's
143 economy. This will then improve the economic condition of Missouri.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-067	
STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Adam Moser
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Harsher Punishment for Drunk Driving

1 **RSMo**
2 The Missouri DWI law is R.S.Mo. 577.010
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4 **Key Terms**
5 “Driving while intoxicated (DWI)”, In Missouri a DWI is driving with blood
6 alcohol content (BAC) of .08% or above.
7
8 “Class B misdemeanor”, this is a maximum penalty from 30 days to six
9 months in jail, and a fine of up to \$500. This is the penalty for a first offense
10 of drunk driving.
11
12 “Class A misdemeanor”, this is a maximum penalty of up to 1 year in jail,
13 and a fine of up to \$1,000. This is the penalty for what is considered a prior
14 offender of drunk driving.
15
16 “Class D Felony”, this is a maximum penalty of imprisonment for up to 4
17 years and a fine up to \$5,000. This is the penalty for an offender who is
18 considered a persistent offender of drunk driving.
19
20 “Class C Felony”, this is a Missouri penalty that can lead to seven years
21 imprisonment and fines up to \$5,000.
22 “Prior offender”, is a person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of one
23 DWI, where a prior offense occurred within five years of the DWI the
24 person is currently charged with.
25
26 “Persistent offender” is a person who has pleaded guilty or found guilty of
27 two or more DWI offenses, where two or more offenses occurred within
28 ten years of the DWI they are now charged with.
29
30 **Proposal for Action**
31 Change the penalty for a first time DWI offense from a class B misdemeanor
32 to a class A misdemeanor.

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33
 34 Change the penalty for a prior offender of a DWI from a class A
 35 misdemeanor to a class D felony with a minimum sentence of 1 year in
 36 prison.
 37
 38 Change the penalty for a persistent offender of a DWI from a class D felony
 39 to a class C felony with a minimum sentence of 5 years in prison.
 40
 41 The courts will still have power on deciding the exact punishment but they
 42 must be within the proper offenses. Parole, bail, and community service
 43 can still be used to cut jail time on a first offense or for a prior offender, but
 44 for a persistent offender parole, bail, and community service can not be
 45 used to shorten the court's sentence.

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 47
 48 **Effective Date**
 49 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010
 50

51 **Justification**
 52 Drunk driving fatalities have increased in Missouri since 1982. In 2006 over
 53 a thousand fatalities were attributed to drunk driving in Missouri. It has
 54 been proven that driving while intoxicated impairs a person's reaction time
 55 and their rational thinking. This action of driving while under the influence
 56 is a danger to the public, for both pedestrians and other drivers. The danger
 57 of destruction of property, injury and even death is preventable. Drunk
 58 driving can be devastating to families where loved ones have been
 59 impacted due to an accident caused by someone intoxicated. The statistics
 60 we have today show that we need some dramatic changes because this
 61 continues to be a problem with new offenders but more importantly with
 62 repeat offenders. It is apparent that the laws we have now are not
 63 deterring people from driving drunk so stricter laws need to be enforced.
 64 For first time offenders it would be considered a misdemeanor. For prior
 65 offenders it would come with a stiffer penalty of one year to four years in
 66 prison. For persistent offenders it would push an even harsher penalty of 5
 67 years minimum sentence. With this bill it is anticipated that DWIs would
 68 decrease due to the higher risk of incarceration and higher fines.

69
 70 **Expected Results**
 71 It should discourage people from driving while intoxicated, and decrease
 72 the amount of traffic related deaths in Missouri.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-069	
STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Maureen Poindexter Porea Neal
Delegation:	Carnahan High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	TEEN TEXT LOCK

1 **RSMo**
 2 302
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 4 **Key Terms**
 5 teen drivers, accidents, texting, insurance, safety
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 7 **Proposal for Action**
 8 All cell phones must be enabled with a pass code device to block sending
 9 and receiving text messages by 2011. This bill proposes that cell phones of
 10 teenage drivers must be in Teen Lock Text position.
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 13 **Effective Date**
 14 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2011.
 15
 16 **Justification**
 17 Texting while driving is a greater threat to teens than driving under the
 18 influence of alcohol or drugs research is showing. The Transport Research
 19 Laboratory found that teen drivers who use their mobile phone to send text
 20 messages while on the road dramatically increase the likelihood of collision
 21 and teens are already in the highest accident bracket now as young drivers.
 22 Studies show teens reaction times deteriorated by 44 percent, much worse
 23 than those who drank alcohol at the legal limit, who were 12 per cent
 24 slower, or those who had taken cannabis, who were 21 per cent slower.
 25 Also even if a teen is not sending, but just reading, those teens who read
 26 text messages were more prone to drift out of their lane, the research
 27 found, with steering control 91 per cent poorer than that of drivers
 28 devoting their full concentration to the road.
 29
 30 **Expected Results**
 31 Fewer accidents. Safer roads. Insurance premiums lower for teens.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-070

STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduced by:	Michael Roundcount
Delegation:	Francis Howell Central High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend to section 523.262 of RSMo to prevent franchise businesses from receiving the power of eminent domain

1 **RSMo**

2 Section 523.262, is amended to not permit franchises from receiving the
3 power of eminent domain to condemn private property

4
5 **Key Terms**

6 Eminent domain is defined as the power of the state to take private
7 property for public use with payment of compensation to the owner

8
9 Permitted Franchises is defined as private utility company, public utility co,
10 rural electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, pipeline, railroad or
11 common carrier.

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14 **Proposal for Action**

15 The current RSMo states "A private utility company, public utility, rural
16 electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, pipeline, railroad or
17 common carrier shall have the power of eminent domain as may be granted
18 pursuant to the provisions of other sections of the revised statutes of
19 Missouri. For the purposes of this section, the term "common carrier" shall
20 not include motor carriers, contract carriers, or express companies. This
21 amendment will remove "For the purposes of this section, the term
22 "common carrier" shall not include motor carriers, contract carriers, or
23 express companies." And replace it with "No franchises except those stated
24 will be permitted to receive eminent domain to condemn private property"

25
26 This will be enforced by Office of ombudsman for property rights, a
27 government official who hears and investigates complaints by private
28 citizens against other officials or government agencies.

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31 **Effective Date**

32 This shall take effect on August 28, 2010

33

34 **Justification**

35 Private franchises and corporations will not be given the power to condemn
36 private housing, and must work with property owners to negotiate
37 settlement

38

39 This will prevent abuse of eminent domain by private corporations, and
40 assure that residents will not suffer by having property destroyed by greedy
41 business owners. Property and business owners will have to negotiate a fair
42 deal instead of a one sided take over of private property

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45 **Expected Results**

46 Missouri citizens will be assured that their precious property will not be
47 seized by large corporations.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-071 STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Cassie Walker
Delegation:	Francis Howell High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Lower voting and petition age

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Chapter 115 is ammended.
- 3
- 4 **Key Terms**
- 5 Lower, voting, 14,
- 6
- 7 **Proposal for Action**
- 8 I want to lower the voting age to 14 with an unbiased test to prove they
- 9 understand the political situaltion
- 10
- 11 **Effective Date**
- 12 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010
- 13
- 14 **Justification**
- 15 I had a personal expirience recently with Obama. former governer, Mike
- 16 Hukabee set out a petition, and I could not participate because of my age.
- 17
- 18 **Expected Results**
- 19 More paticipation in citizen voting.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-072 STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Sam Wolter
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	A Joint Resolution
Title:	A resolution to abolish Article 1, Section 34 of the Missouri Bill of Rights, which establishes English as the official language of the state of Missouri.

- 1 **RSMo**
- 2 Article 1, Bill of Rights, Section 34
- 3
- 4 **Key Terms**
- 5 "Official Language," a language that is given special legal recognition in a
- 6 state or country and acts as the language used in all official state
- 7 proceedings and other government functions.
- 8
- 9 An "Official proceeding" is any meeting of a public governmental body at
- 10 which any public business is discussed, decided, or public policy formulated,
- 11 whether such meeting is conducted in person or by means of
- 12 communication equipment, including, but not limited to, conference call,
- 13 video conference, Internet chat, or Internet message board.
- 14
- 15 **Proposal for Action**
- 16 Section 43, Article 1 of the Missouri Constitution shall be repealed, making
- 17 Missouri once again without an official state language as it was before
- 18 November 2008.
- 19
- 20 Missouri shall have no official state language and official state proceedings
- 21 are not mandated to be in English.
- 22
- 23 **Effective Date**
- 24 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 25
- 26 **Justification**
- 27 The United States of America does not have an official language, nor do 20
- 28 of the states in the union. By establishing English as the official language of
- 29 the state, we are sealing Missouri off from Americans who do not speak
- 30 English and denying possible economic stimulation from non-English

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31 speakers. Having English as an official language serves Missouri purpose
32 and gives the state no benefits, economic or otherwise.

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34 **Expected Results**

35 By not having an official language, Missouri will be more like the free
36 society the United States strives to be and will make Missouri a more
37 feasible option to non-English speaking Americans.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-073	
STATE AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Introduced by:	Daniel Wolz
Delegation:	Francis Howell Central High School
Type:	A Concurrent Resolution
Title:	An act to remove the legal age of texting on an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 304.820, RSMo, is amended to change the current age for text to
3 include all ages.

4

5 **Key Terms**

6 For this bill, the terms will be defined as under the RSMo chapter 304.820.

7

8 **Proposal for Action**

9 To amend the act of texting while operating a motorized vehicle is illegal for
10 those “under twenty one”. Amend “under twenty one” to read “all ages”.

11

12 This law would be enforced by the police departments of the designated
13 counties. An offense would result in a citation with a fine to be determined
14 by county regulations.

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17 **Effective Date**

18 This act shall take effect on August 28, 2010

19

20 **Justification**

21 There is no safe driving age of texting. The amendment is to make texting in
22 a motorized vehicle illegal on the roads within Missouri.

23 Studies have shown that texting while driving is just as dangerous as driving
24 while intoxicated. Many accidents can be traced back to cellular device
25 usage of texts.

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28 **Expected Results**

29 A number of one’s age does not determine how safe of a driver one is.

30 Texting while driving at any age is unsafe, dangerous, and upright reckless.

31 No matter how well one might be of texting while driving, that couple of

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32 seconds that the text message distracts someone, could result in
33 devastating consequences. Each year, 21% of fatal car crashes involving
34 teenagers between the ages of 16 and 19 were the result of cell phone
35 usage. This result has been expected to grow as much as 4% every year.
36 There should be no available instance for this to happen.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-075	
TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	Austin Bailey
Delegation:	Bowling Green High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to allow students under the age of 14 to drive.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 302.060, RSMo is amended and Section 2 the word "sixteen" shall
3 read "fourteen".

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5 **Key Terms**

6 NONE

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8 **Proposal for Action**

9 All students over the age of 14 that live more than a mile away from the
10 school building may apply for this license under the discretion of his/her
11 school district. The school will do the testing and the license will be
12 awarded by the school. The school district may omit this privilege at
13 anytime though, if the student is witnessed driving without the highest
14 degree of care. If the student is ever found off of the certain path set by the
15 school administrators and the child's parents then they are not allowed to
16 drive at all until the age of 18.

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18 **Effective Date**

19 This act shall take effect on August 1, 2010

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21 **Justification**

22 Students that live more than a mile away from school are at a disadvantage
23 to participate in extracurricular activities because their parents do not have
24 time in their busy schedules to transport their kids back and forth to school.
25 This will allow these students to do more things outside of regular school.

26

27 **Expected Results**

28 This will allow rural students the ability and the time to do extracurricular
29 activities. It will also free up their parents and will not be a burden on their
30 time. More students will be allowed to compete, therefore they will be
31 more competitive.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-076 TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	Andrea Beyer Alexandra Vohs
Delegation:	Rockwood Summit High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	Not in Our Stadium!

1 **RSMo**
2 191.767 and 191.769
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4 **Key Terms**

5 Terms already defined RSMo 191.767 and 191.769.
6

7 **Proposal for Action**

8 Repeal RSMo 191.769 line 7 which states "Any enclosed indoor arena,
9 stadium or other facility which may be used for sporting events and which
10 has a seating capacity of more than fifteen thousand persons."
11

12 **Effective Date**

13 This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.
14

15 **Justification**

16 Require the indoor arenas, stadiums, and facilities used for sporting events
17 described in RSMo 191.769 to adhere and meet the same requirements as
18 other public places, defined in RSMo 191.767.
19

20 **Expected Results**

21 The community will benefit from greater protection of their health and
22 victims of secondhand smoke can be largely reduced.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-077 TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	Lenora Brown Meghan Green
Delegation:	Trinity Catholic High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act related to the offenses against a child.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 568, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding the
3 offenses against a child.
4

5 **Key Terms**

6 "Abuse", any physical injury, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse inflicted on a
7 child other than by accidental means;
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9 "Punishment", suffering, pain, or loss that serves as retribution;
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11 "Prohibited sexual act", any of the following, whether performed or
12 engaged in either with any other person or alone: sexual or anal
13 intercourse, masturbation, bestiality, sadism, masochism, fetishism, fellatio,
14 cunnilingus, any other sexual activity or nudity, if such nudity is to be
15 depicted for the purpose of sexual stimulation or gratification of any
16 individual who may view such depiction;
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18 "Aggravated circumstances", the infliction of serious emotional and/or
19 physical injury of a child, the offense is committed as part of a ritual or
20 ceremony or a child dies as a result of injuries sustained from conduct
21 chargeable under the provisions of this section;
22

23 "Class B felony", if the maximum term of imprisonment authorized exceeds
24 ten years but is less than twenty years;
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26 "Class A felony", if the authorized penalty includes death, life imprisonment
27 or imprisonment for a term of twenty years or more.
28

29 **Proposal for Action**

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30 A person commits the crime of abuse of a child if such person knowingly
31 inflicts cruel and inhuman punishment upon a child less than eighteen years
32 old or
33 photographs or films a child less than eighteen years old engaging in a
34 prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act or who causes or
35 knowingly permits a child to engage in a prohibited sexual act or in the
36 simulation of such an act for the purpose of photographing or filming the
37 act.

38
39 Abuse of a child is a class B felony.

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41 Abuse of a child with aggravated circumstances is a class A felony.

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44 **Effective Date**

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

46

47 **Justification**

48 The acknowledgement of the problem of child abuse in this country is an
49 important step in preventing child abuse. While child abuse awareness is
50 key to the safety of our children; it is also very important to prosecute those
51 offenders of innocence and sentence them to the fullest penalties allowed
52 by law.

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54 **Expected Results**

55 The public will be confident knowing that people who violate the innocence
56 of children will face stronger and tougher prison sentences.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-078	
TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	JazzMinn Davis Keiaira Hammonds
Delegation:	Carnahan High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act to amend chapter 210 adding a section that gives access to counseling for children before entering fosters care and continued if needed

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Chapter 210, is amended to add to create access to counseling before
entering foster care and continued if needed

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Key Terms

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

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Foster parents- to care for minor children who have been removed from
their biological homes

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Counseling-professional guidance in resolving personal conflicts and
emotional problems

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Foster Care- is a program, run by your state, which allows stand-in parents,
referred as foster parents

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Proposal for Action

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Children must attend counseling when getting abused by family members
or fellow peers before entering foster care. Children will attend counseling
so they can understanding everyone isn't going to hurt them like the recent
person may have done to them. This will continue during foster care if
needed.

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The Department of Social Services will ensure each and every child receives
these services if when removed from the home. They will also raise funds to
make sure that the this will be available for the children that need it.

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30 **Effective Date**

31 This law will take effect on October 5, 2010.

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33 **Justification**

34 Children must know they are safe and the foster parent must know what
35 level the child is on such as safety, respect, and responsibilities. This will
36 make for an easier time while the child is in foster care.

37

38 **Expected Results**

39 This bill will benefit the child (most importantly), foster parents, staff, social
40 workers, and counselors. The foster care households will feel safe and know
41 that the child will get continued help if needed.

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MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-079	
TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	Leah Efken Mackenzie Hempe
Delegation:	Lindbergh High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to state the maximum length of time one may receive social welfare before they must take a government working position and to decrease by ten percent the amount of social welfare the party receives after beginning the government working position.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 limits and requirements on social welfare.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Social welfare" is here defined as government assistance for a party or
7 parties in need.

8 "Government working position" is here defined as a job working for the
9 state government.

10 "Decrease" is here defined as reducing the quantity of monetary aid the
11 government bestows on the party.

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14 **Proposal for Action**

15 The maximum length of time one may receive social welfare is two years.
16 The party then must take any available government working position they
17 may qualify for. The government working positions available will be Levels
18 GS-1 through GS-4. After holding the government working position for
19 three months, the party may reapply for social welfare and may receive it
20 again at a ten percent decrease, should they qualify.

21

22 **Effective Date**

23 This bill will go into effect six months after passing.

24

25 **Justification**

26 Many people on social welfare have received assistance for a long time.
27 When they take a job, they must hold the position for three months, which

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28 will allow them to get back on their feet with an income. The state will not
29 have to give so much of taxpayer dollars if people begin to have a position
30 supplying them with a steady income.

31

32 Expected Results

33 The taxpayers will be happy to know that their money is going somewhere
34 other than to another person's hands. The state may have more incomes to
35 pay, but the unemployed rate will drastically decrease. With more
36 positions filled, people will have a chance to increase their experience and
37 move to a higher up position; equity will be increased.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
HOUSE: # H-080	
TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	Alexander Finck
Delegation:	Mexico YMCA
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to smoking on properties allocated for the residential and habilitation services for developmentally disabled persons

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 smoking in residential and habilitation facilities.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 "Property" is defined as any forms of property including, but not limited to,
7 vehicles, shelter, and land used for the care of developmentally disabled
8 persons.

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10 "Developmentally disabled" as defined in section 630.005, RSMo, which
11 includes, but is not limited to, mental retardation.

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13 "Consumer" as defined in section 630.005, RSMo, which includes
14 developmentally disabled persons.

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17 **Proposal for Action**

18 Smoking shall be prohibited on any property run by an agency certified by
19 the Department of Mental Health to provide residence and/or habilitation
20 of developmentally disabled consumers. Any employee that smokes or
21 permits a consumer to smoke on such properties shall be guilty of a Class I
22 Neglect.

23

24 **Effective Date**

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

26

27 **Justification**

28 Consumers are not allowed to have alcohol in residencies and habilitation
29 facilities. This is not considered a violation of their rights, but a measure to
30 protect them and the staff. This policy is in place, even though many of the

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31 consumers are above the age of twenty one. Thus, banning smoking among
32 consumers at residential and habilitation facilities is no different. It protects
33 the consumer and care givers from the effects of smoking. The consumers
34 have been deemed incapable of supporting themselves and living on their
35 own. Thus they do not have the capacity to understand exactly what they
36 are doing to themselves when they smoke and must be treated the same as
37 minor is when regarding smoking.

38

Expected Results

40 Consumers will have fewer reported cases of emphysema, lung cancer,
41 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and other smoking related
42 conditions. The environment in which consumers are cared for will be made
43 safer- for both consumers and care givers- and the quality of care will
44 increase. Without smoking, the cost of care will go down for the State of
45 Missouri and the agencies that provide care for them.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE: # H-081 TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	Taylor Hunt Nick Durbin
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to abolish the use of the front license plate on motor vehicles.

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Chapter 301, Section 301.130, RSMo, is amended regarding license plates.

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Key Terms

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"Motor vehicles" are defined as, but not limited to, an automobile, truck,
6 bus, or similar motor- driven conveyance.

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Proposal for Action

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Disregard the statute that requires motor vehicles to display both, rear, and
10 front license plate. This act shall only require a motor vehicle to display a
11 rear license plate. For motor vehicles that have been registered before
12 January 1, 2010, may keep both, front and rear plates attached to the
13 motor vehicle until plate renewal. On January 1, 2010 and beyond, only one
14 license plate shall be registered to a motor vehicle. The Department of
15 Revenue will oversee, and the Department of Transportation will enforce
16 this act.

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Effective Date

19

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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Justification

22

Having a front license plate is not necessary and will save the state a
23 substantial amount of money. Taking away the front license plate will not
24 decrease the ability to distinguish the identity of a motor vehicle.

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Expected Results

27

The state of Missouri will see a decrease in the amount of money spent on
28 producing license plates, which the state can use to fund other programs.

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE: # H-082

TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH

Introduced by:	Reid Johnson Abbey Tadros
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act related to the required immunization of public, private, and parochial school students against the Human papillomavirus

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30 warts cases. Because of the growing prevalence of HPV in America, it would
31 make sense to guard the nation’s children against the disease, thus
32 preventing its further spreading and numerous future cancer cases. The
33 number of HPV cases can only grow in the context of an increasingly
34 younger sexually active America, thus it would be appropriate to immunize
35 an increasingly younger demographic.

36

37 Expected Results

38 As this legislation begins to take effect, Missouri should see a decrease in
39 occurrences of the Human papillomavirus. The public will be more
40 confident in the health of its public, private, and parochial schools.

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended and a new line is added regarding human
3 papillomavirus vaccinations.

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5 **Key Terms**

6 The “Human papillomavirus” is one of numerous papillomaviruses that
7 cause various human warts (as the common warts of the extremities,
8 plantar warts, and genital warts) including some associated with the
9 production of cervical cancer called also HPV.

10

11 **Proposal for Action**

12 All school districts will be required to adopt a policy that, along with the
13 previous requirements for poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, mumps, tetanus,
14 pertussis, diphtheria, and hepatitis B immunizations, requires every student
15 to receive an HPV vaccine. Without said immunization, no student may
16 attend classes.

17

18 **Effective Date**

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

20

21 **Justification**

22 HPV effects approximately 50 % of Americans, leading often to various fatal
23 cancers. An effective vaccine has been in circulation for the previous years
24 and has seen tremendous results. It is approved by the Food and Drug
25 Administration for administration in females; it has, however, not been
26 approved by the FDA for administration in males, but a significant push for
27 its passage is currently underway. The leading HPV vaccine helps protect
28 against 4 types of HPV, including 2 types (16 and 18) that cause 70% of
29 cervical cancer cases and 2 more types (6 and 11) that cause 90% of genital

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HOUSE: # H-083

TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH

Introduced by:	Zoe Krause
Delegation:	Ladue High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	“Comprehensive Assistance for Rape Emergencies” or the CARE Act

1 **RSMo**

2 Amend chapter 191, RSMo, on health and welfare, by adding to it two new
3 sections in regard to the emergency care of sexual assault victims, with
4 penalty provisions.

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6 **Key Terms**

7 In the act that follows, unless otherwise indicated by context cues, the
8 terms here defined shall mean,

- 9 (1). “Emergency care for victims of sexual assault”, any medical procedure,
10 examination, or service provided to a person after an alleged sexual assault
11 in a hospital situation;
12 (2). “Emergency contraception”, any drug or device, excluding the medical
13 abortion pill RU486, approved by the Federal Drug Administration for the
14 prevention of pregnancy after unprotected sexual intercourse;
15 (3). “Health care facility”, any urgent care facility, center, or other location
16 that provides patient treatment during any business, or non-business hours,
17 and which is associated with a licensed hospital;
18 (4). “Medically and factually accurate and objective”, verified by and
19 supported with the weight of research which is conducted using accepted
20 scientific methods and, where applicable, is published in peer-reviewed
21 journals; or compromising of information which leading organizations or
22 agencies of professionals with relevant expertise, such as the American
23 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, recognize as truthful and
24 without bias;
25 (5). “Sexual assault”, using definition from 566.040 RSMo;
26 (6). “Sexual assault victim” or “Victim of sexual assault”, any female who is
27 alleged to have been raped and is presented at a health care facility as a
28 patient.

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31 **Proposal for Action**

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- 32 1. It shall be the standard care procedure of any hospital or health care
33 facility which provides emergency services for victims of sexual assault to:
34 (1). Present each sexual assault victim with information which is medically
35 and factually accurate and also without bias in both written and oral forms
36 about emergency contraception;
37 (2). Inform, in spoken form, each victim of sexual assault of her choice of
38 being provided with emergency contraception on site at the hospital;
39 (3). Supply the entire regimen of emergency contraception to any victim
40 who requests it at the hospital or health care facility immediately; and
41 (4). Follow the protocols established by the Department of Justice for
42 HIV/STI screening and prophylactic treatment as described in 19 CSR 40-
43 10.010 as well as the sexual assault forensic exam guide lines provided by
44 the department of health and senior services.
45 2. Both hospitals and health care facilities shall make sure each person who
46 provides care to sexual assault victims is given medically and factually
47 accurate and objective information about emergency contraception.
48 3. The department of health and senior services shall develop, prepare, and
49 produce materials for informational purposes in relation to emergency
50 contraception for the purpose of pregnancy prevention for distribution in
51 any health care facility or hospital in quantities which are sufficient enough
52 to comply with the requirements of this section. The director, in
53 collaboration with community-based sexual assault programs, also may
54 approve resources created by other entities.
55 4. The informative material shall:
56 (1). Be medically and factually accurate as well as objective;
57 (2). Be clearly written in a readily comprehensive and culturally competent
58 manner as the department deems necessary to inform victims of sexual
59 assault; and
60 (3). Explain, in no uncertain terms, the nature of emergency contraception,
61 including its use, safety, efficacy, and availability, and that it does not cause
62 abortion.
63 5. The department of health and senior services shall periodically respond
64 to complaints and determine whether hospitals and health care facilities
65 are complying with all provisions of this section. The department may use
66 all tools available to them to verify the compliance of these organizations.
67 If the department finds that any such entity has violated these provisions or
68 is not complying with them, the department shall,
69 (1). Impose an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars per woman
70 who is denied factually and medically accurate and objective information
71 about emergency contraception, or who is not offered or provided with
72 emergency contraception; and

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73 (2). Impose an additional administrative penalty of one thousand dollars for
74 every thirty days that a hospital or health care facility is not in compliance.
75 6. The department shall make known rules to implement the provisions of
76 these sections.

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79 **Effective Date**

80 This act shall take effect on August 28, 2010

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82 **Justification**

83 After experiencing a traumatic event, victims of sexual assault deserve all
84 the information they can get about preventing possible complications of the
85 violence committed against them. This bill would insure that any victim of
86 sexual assault would be informed about her option of emergency
87 contraception.

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89 **Expected Results**

90 More women would be able to make an informed choice regarding
91 emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy following a
92 sexual assault. The results of this bill could also help many victims of sexual
93 assault on their road to recovery.

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HOUSE: # H-084	
TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH	
Introduced by:	Micah Scharff Katie Markenson
Delegation:	Ladue High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to amend RSMo 304.820 in order to prohibit all persons from texting while driving.

1 **RSMo**
2 304.82

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "electronic message" includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, a text
6 message, an instant message, or a command or request to access and
7 Internet site.

8 "hand-held electronic wireless communication device" includes any hand-
9 held cellular phone, palm pilot, blackberry, or other mobile electronic
10 devices used to communicate verbally or by text or electronic messaging

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12 **Proposal for Action**

13 304.820. Text messaging while operating a motor vehicle prohibited —
14 exceptions — definitions — violation, penalty.

15 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person operating a
16 moving motor vehicle upon the highways of this state shall, by means of a
17 hand-held electronic wireless communications device, send, read, or write a
18 text message or electronic message.

19 2. The provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to a person
20 operating:

21 (1)An authorized emergency vehicle; or

22 (2)A moving motor vehicle while using a hand-held electronic wireless
23 communications device to:

24 (a)Report illegal activity;

25 (b)Summon medical or other emergency help;

26 (c)Prevent injury to a person or property; or

27 (d)Relay information between a transitor for-hire operator and that
28 operator's dispatcher, in which the device is permanently affixed to the
29 vehicle.

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30 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting a
31 person from making or taking part in a telephone call, by means of a hand-
32 held electronic wireless communications device, while operating a motor
33 vehicle upon the highways of this state.

34 4. As used in this section, "electronic message" means a self-contained
35 piece of digital communication that is designed or intended to be
36 transmitted between hand-- held electronic wireless communication
37 devices. "Electronic message" includes, but is not limited to, electronic
38 mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to
39 access an Internet site.

40 5. As used in this section, "hand-held electronic wireless communications
41 device" includes any hand-held cellular phone, palm pilot, blackberry, or
42 other mobile electronic device used to communicate verbally or by text or
43 electronic messaging, but shall not apply to any device that is permanently
44 embedded into the architecture and design of the motor vehicle.

45 6. As used in this section, "making or taking part in a telephone call" means
46 listening to or engaging in verbal communication through a hand-held
47 electronic wireless communication device.

48 7. As used in this section, "send, read, or write a text message or electronic
49 message" means using a hand-held electronic wireless telecommunications
50 device to manually communicate with any person by using an electronic
51 message. Sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic message
52 does not include reading, selecting, or entering a phone number or name
53 into a hand-held electronic wireless communications device for the purpose
54 of making a telephone call.

55 8. A violation of this section shall be deemed an infraction and shall be
56 deemed a moving violation for purposes of point assessment under section
57 302.302, RSMo.

58 9. The state preempts the field of regulating the use of hand-held electronic
59 wireless communications devices in motor vehicles, and the provisions of
60 this section shall supercede any local laws, ordinances, or-ders, rules, or
61 regulations enacted by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision
62 to regulate the use of hand-held electronic wireless communication devices
63 by the operator of a motor vehicle.

64 10. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

65 (1)The operator of a vehicle that is lawfully parked or stopped;

66 (2)Any of the following while in the performance of their official duties: a
67 law enforcement officer; a member of a fire department; or the operator of
68 a public or private ambulance;

69 (3)The use of factory-installed or after- market global positioning systems
70 (GPS) or wireless communications devices used to transmit or receive data
71 as part of a digital dispatch system;

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72 (4)The use of voice-operated technology;

73 (5)The use of two-way radio transmitters or receivers by a licensee of the
74 Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service.

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77 **Effective Date**

78 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010

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80 **Justification**

81 Texting or communicating on a cellular device while operating a moving
82 vehicle is dangerous and should be illegal for all persons to take part in such
83 activities. Not only do those activities such as texting, e-mailing, etc. pose a
84 safety problems for the person operating the vehicle, but also for those
85 around them.

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87 **Expected Results**

88 Safety on the road will improve do the the decrease in possible distractions
89 for those operating vehicles.

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HOUSE: # H-085

TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH

Introduced by:	Bailey Toulmin Caroline Fletcher
Delegation:	Kirkwood High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An Act To require women considering abortion to become educated on the effect of the procedure.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 188.039, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding
3 the education of women considering abortion.

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5 **Key Terms**
6 For the purpose of this bill, "abortion" will be defined as any medical
7 procedure whose purpose is to terminate the life of a fetus. The term
8 "fetus" is defined as an unborn child. The term "pregnant" will be defined as
9 a woman who has an unborn child between fertilization to childbirth.

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11 **Proposal for Action**
12 The amendment proposed would change the consultation time from a
13 twenty-four hour waiting period to a seventy-two hour wait time between
14 doctor visit and the medical procedure of an abortion. By extending this
15 time period it allows the pregnant women an extra amount of time to
16 contemplate the consequences of her decision to terminate the fetus.
17 During this time period this amendment would require the expecting
18 mother to become educated on the effects of abortion. The Missouri
19 Department of Health and Senior Services will design a course for women
20 who are contemplating abortion. The course will be available online which
21 will allow for easier access to the educational material. The material on
22 abortion will also be available at free clinics and medical offices for women
23 who do not have access to the Internet. After the seventy-two hour
24 duration the women will have to sign a document that states, "I understand
25 and accept the consequences of my decision to abort my unborn child and
26 acknowledging the psychological and physical effects of an abortion".

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28 **Effective Date**
29 This act will take effect on January 1, 2010.

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31 **Justification**
32 By educating pregnant women about their options and what outcome
33 would be most beneficial to them allows them to make a confident decision
34 about the life of their unborn child. In addition to the consequences of their
35 decision they will also have a better understanding of how the procedure
36 will affect them psychologically.

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39 **Expected Results**
40 This amendment and addition to the existing law Ch. 188 Sec. 188.039
41 RSMo will provide pregnant women who are contemplating abortion the
42 rights to an education before making the decision to abort their unborn
43 child. By making this requirement a law it would provide a standard amount
44 of time to thoroughly consider all their options.

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Introduced by:	Lynnea Wootten Andrew Erickson
Delegation:	Bowling Green High School
Type:	An Act
Title:	An act to require that all school buses post current speed the bus is traveling for passengers.

1 **RSMo**
2 Chapter 304.050, RSMo, is ammended and a new section is created
3 regarding school bus speed
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5 **Key Terms**
6 "post" will be defined as clearly displaying the speed the bus is traveling at
7 all times.
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9 **Proposal for Action**
10 All school districts will be required to equip every school bus with a digital
11 speedometer that can be observed at all times by passengers.
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13 **Effective Date**
14 this shall take effect on July 31, 2010.
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16 **Justification**
17 Every day students are transported from home to school, school to home,
18 and to other activities. Some students feel usafe with their bus drivers due
19 to the speeds they are traveling. With this proposal, students will be able
20 to know just how fast their driver is going and can feel safer knowing their
21 driver's speed. They can also know when their driver is going at an
22 inappropriate speed and can act on it.
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24 **Expected Results**
25 This proposal will make school bus drivers more conscious about the speed
26 they are traveling while transporting students and will hold the driver
27 accountable for their actions. It will also make passengers more informed of
28 the speed their driver is traveling.