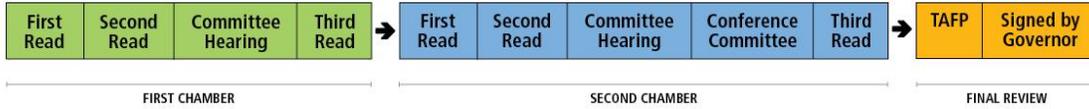




## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

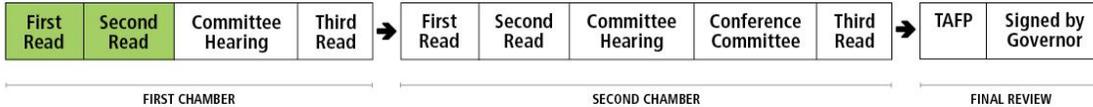
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### Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

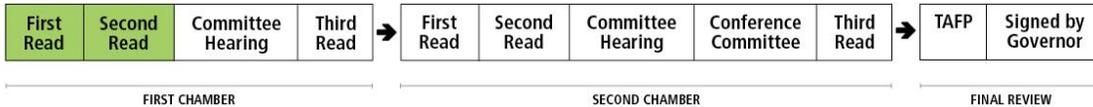
**HB 3 Flanigan** Appropriations – Higher Education: Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds and distributions of the Department of Higher Education.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Appropriations – Higher Education](#)



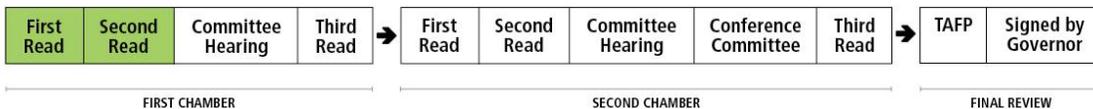
**HB 33 Walker** Survivor's/disabled employee's education grant program: Adds emergency medical technicians and certain staff of the state fire marshal's office to the list of individuals eligible for the Public Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant program.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness](#)



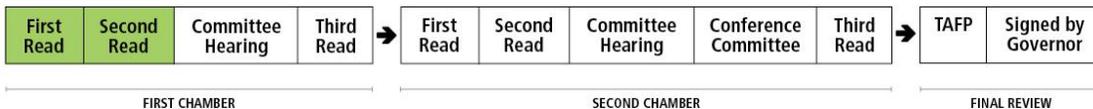
**HB 82 Mims** Policies on student favoritism: Requires public institutions of higher education to adopt policies on student favoritism by September of 2016. The policy must establish a procedure for addressing allegations of favoritism toward any student and an institution must uniformly and consistently apply the policy, make it easily accessible, and train campus leaders about its contents.

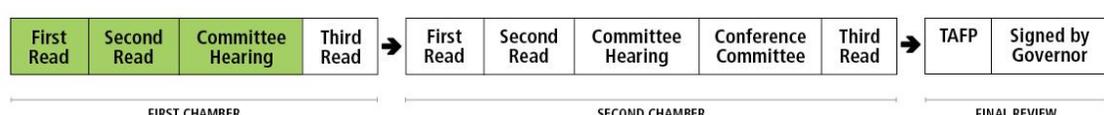
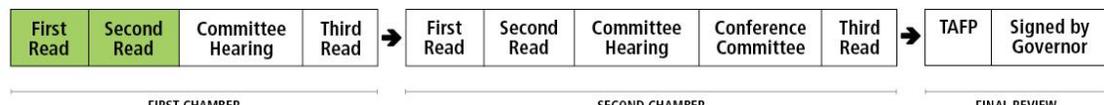
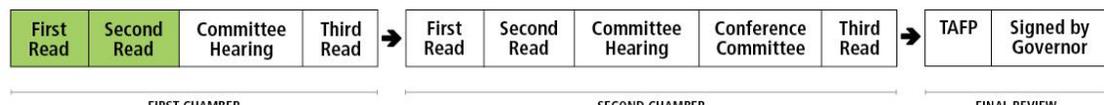
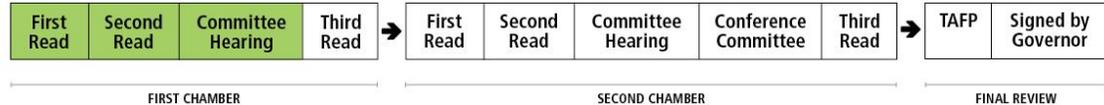
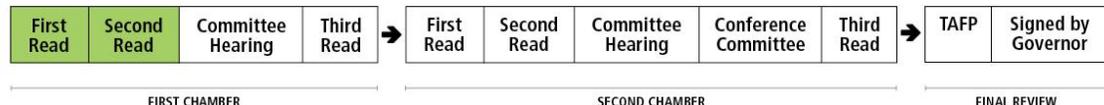
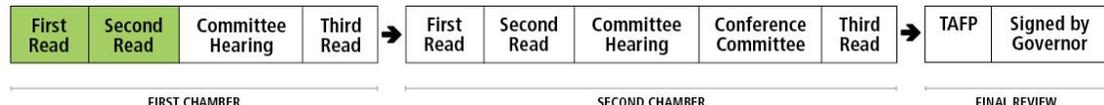
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**HB 104 Haahr** Student Freedom of Association Act: Creates the Student Freedom of Association Act. The act prohibits public colleges and universities from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association, or discriminating against a religious student association.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)

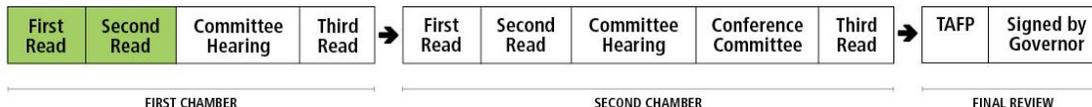


<p>HB 112 Franklin</p>	<p><u>Health care workforce analysis</u>: Allows various state boards to collaborate with the Department of Health and Senior Services or other entities to collect and analyze workforce data to assess the availability of qualified health care providers.</p> <p>Bill History Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy</a></p> 
<p>HB 140 Reiboldt</p>	<p><u>MO Dairy and Ag Education Act</u>: Establishes the Missouri Dairy and Agriculture Education Act. The act requires the Department of Agriculture to administer a dairy producer margin insurance program and establish the Missouri Agriculture Education Scholarship Program. The scholarship program would provide scholarships to up to 100 students who are enrolled in an agriculture education program and are committed to working in the agriculture industry in Missouri.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p> 
<p>HB 155 Gardner</p>	<p><u>Health Care Professionals Cultural Competency Act</u>: Requires all health care professionals in this state to complete cultural competency training in school and as continuing education for licensure, certification or registration.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p> 
<p>HB 187 Fitzpatrick</p>	<p><u>Postsecondary education public benefits</u>: Provides that no student in unlawful status in the United States shall receive a postsecondary education public benefit, which includes institutional financial aid awarded by public postsecondary educational institutions and state-administered postsecondary grants and scholarships awarded by all postsecondary educational institutions.</p> <p>Bill History Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Higher Education</a></p> 
<p>HB 210 Conway</p>	<p><u>Community college police</u>: Allows community college boards of trustees and college police officers to establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college.</p> <p>Bill History Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness</a></p> 
<p>HB 219 Wilson</p>	<p><u>Child Support</u>: Specifies that a parent ordered to pay child support shall not be ordered to also pay for the educational expenses of the child attending an institution of vocational or higher education.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p> 

HB 244 Butler

Economic-Education Partnership Act: Establishes the Economic-Education Partnership Act, which allows an employer with facilities in Missouri who provides educational benefits to a qualified individual pursuing health care, engineering, or information technology to have up to 100% of the withholding tax from the employer's employees retained up to the amount of educational benefits provided for a period of five years. The amount withheld shall not exceed \$2 million and to receive the withholding tax, the employer must enter into an agreement with the Department of Economic Development.

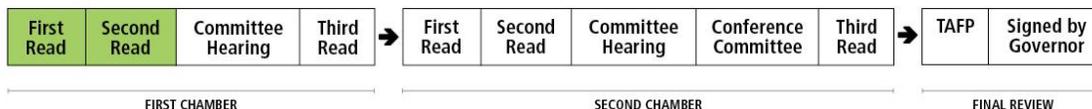
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HB 253 Berry

Tax Credit for Student Loan Repayment: Authorizes a tax credit for student loan repayment. Students who graduate from a qualified educational institution with a degree in science, engineering, technology or mathematics with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and have student loans as a result may claim a tax credit against their tax liability for an amount equal to \$5,000 for up to six years. Students who relocate to Missouri with a STEM degree and have student loans as a result may claim a tax credit against their tax liability for an amount equal to \$3,000 for up to ten years.

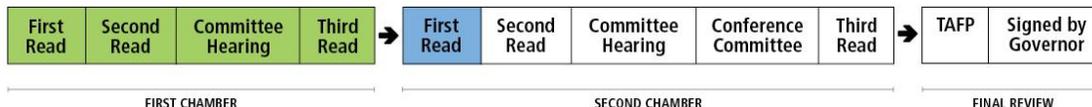
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HB 259 Reiboldt

Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015: Creates the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015, which creates the Missouri Dairy Industry Revitalization Fund. The Act requires the University of Missouri's Commercial Agriculture Program to conduct an annual study of the dairy industry and requires the Department of Agriculture to create and administer a dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program and the Missouri Dairy Scholars Program. The Scholars Program would provide up to 80 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to assist with the costs of tuition to students who agree to work in the agriculture industry in Missouri for at least two years for every year the recipient receives the scholarship and work in a dairy-related field for at least three months.

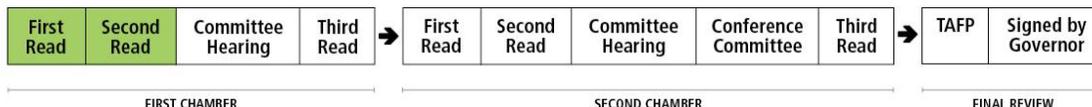
Bill History Committee:



HB 272 Hoskins

Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program: Changes eligibility requirements for the program commonly known as Bright Flight and expands the program to include a forgivable loan component.

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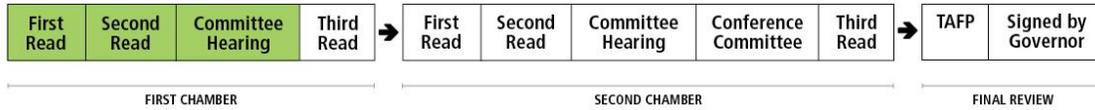
<p>HB 298    Hoskins</p>	<p><u>Education Tax Credit</u>: Authorizes an employer to retain an employee's state withholding tax for five years if the employee has graduated from a Missouri innovation campus with a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, technology or mathematics after April 30, 2016.</p> <p>Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention</a></p> <p>Bill History</p>
<p>HB 365    Spencer</p>	<p><u>Student Accountability Act</u>: Establishes the Student Accountability Act that requires a student score proficient or higher on a state assessment in order to receive a high school academic diploma. Every public institution of higher education shall recognize the high school academic diploma as sufficient for a student to be placed in the first college-level course of mathematics and English composition that is recognized for the forty-two-hour general education core requirements.</p> <p>Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education</a></p> <p>Bill History</p>
<p>HB 377    Swan</p>	<p><u>Remediation Prevention in School</u>: Requires school districts to develop a system for identifying students who are at risk of not being ready for college-level work or entry-level career positions. The district policy must require academic and career counseling to take place sufficiently prior to graduation. The Department of Higher Education must develop a report that analyzes the results of the remediation rate report relative to student performance on the statewide assessments for English I and Algebra I.</p> <p>Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education</a></p> <p>Bill History</p>
<p>HB 397    Peters</p>	<p><u>Expired, sunset &amp; obsolete statutes</u>: Repeals expired, sunset and obsolete statutory provisions, including those related to the Higher Education Scholarship Program.</p> <p>Committee:</p> <p>Bill History</p>
<p>HB 408    Brattin</p>	<p><u>Campus Free Expression Act</u>: Establishes the "Campus Free Expression Act". Any person who wishes to engage in expressive activity on campus shall be permitted to do so freely, as long as their conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the institution.</p> <p>Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Higher Education</a></p> <p>Bill History</p>

<p>HB 412 Peters</p>	<p><u>Higher education institution policies on sexual assault</u>: Requires the governing boards of institutions of higher education to adopt policies concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in order to receive state funds for student aid</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p>
<p>HB 435 Morgan</p>	<p><u>MO Tuition Equity Act</u>: Establishes the Missouri Tuition Equity Act which changes how a Missouri resident is defined for purposes of tuition, fees and admission.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p>
<p>HB 436 Moon</p>	<p><u>Campus Free Expression Act</u>: Establishes the "Campus Free Expression Act". Any person who wishes to engage in expressive activity on campus shall be permitted to do so freely, as long as their conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the institution.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p>
<p>HB 451 English</p>	<p><u>Expands A+ Schools Program</u>: Expands the A+ Schools Program to graduates of any Missouri high school that meets the program requirements.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p>
<p>HB 464 Rowden</p>	<p><u>Board of curators of the University of MO</u>: No member of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri shall vote to appoint to, hire, or in any way employ in any position in the university any person who appointed him or her to the board.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p>
<p>HB 470 Smith</p>	<p><u>College Credit Disclosure Act</u>: Establishes the College Credit Disclosure Act that requires most nationally accredited higher education institutions to disclose before enrollment that they are not regionally accredited and credit transfer may be limited.</p> <p>Bill History Committee:</p>

HB 520 Hicks

**STEM Internship Incentive:** Authorizes a tax liability transfer for an employer that hires a student majoring in the field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics for an internship. Up to \$5,000 of the employer's state tax liability may be annually removed from the general fund and placed in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund. The bill also allows an employer with facilities in Missouri that provides educational benefits to a qualified individual or trains a qualified individual for an employment position in the health care, engineering, or information technology field to apply to have up to \$5,000 of the employer's state tax liability removed from the general fund and placed in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund for up to one year. The Department of Higher Education must establish a procedure for approving applications.

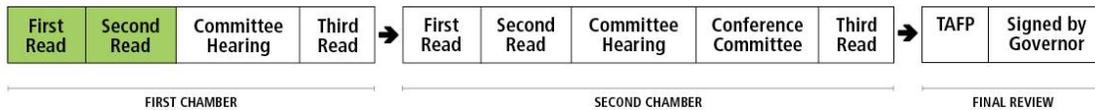
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HB 567 Dunn

**Alpha Phi Alpha Day:** Designates December 4 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in Missouri in honor of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

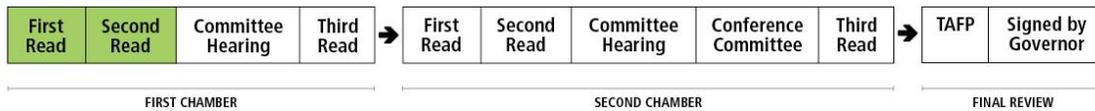
**Bill History** Committee:



HB 574 Haahr

**Missouri Civics Education Initiative:** Establishes the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative" which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate.

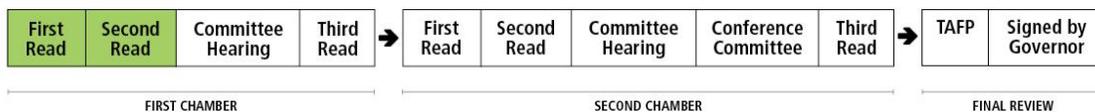
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HB 577 P. Fitzwater

**Student Eligibility for A+ Program:** Requires a student to be a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to be eligible to receive reimbursements from the A+ Schools Program.

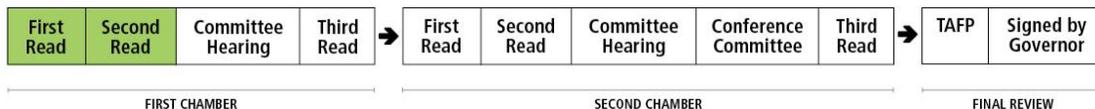
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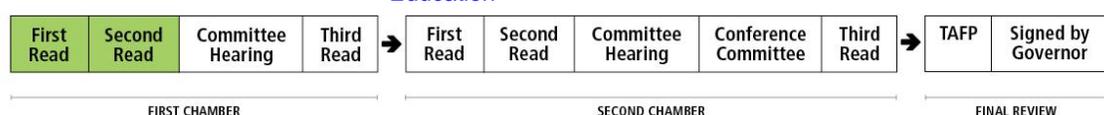
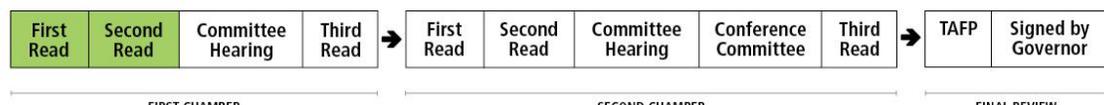
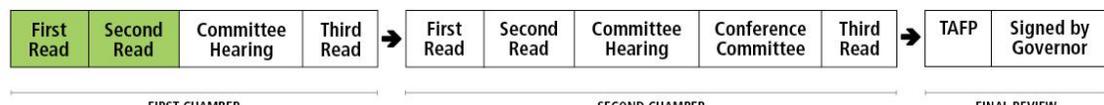
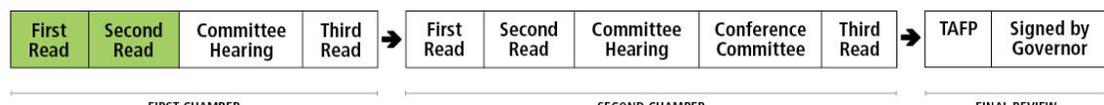
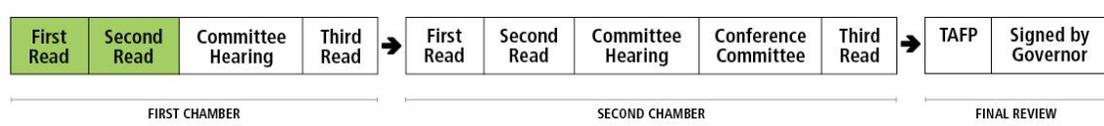


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**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education](#)



<p>HB 584 LaFaver</p>	<p><u>Missouri Civics Education Initiative</u>: Establishes the “Missouri Civics Education Initiative” which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate.</p> <p>Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education</a></p> <p>Bill History</p> 
<p>HB 594 Peters</p>	<p><u>Missouri Promise Scholarship Program</u>: Establishes the “Missouri Promise Scholarship Program” for Missouri residents who meet certain terms and conditions and are seeking an associate’s degree, certificate or diploma from an eligible postsecondary institution. Scholarship awards would be capped at the average tuition and fee rate for public community colleges and students receiving A+ awards would be ineligible. It also nullifies any direction or authorization for the awarding of any state financial aid to students enrolled at WGU-Missouri as established in Executive Order 13-04.</p> <p>Committee:</p> <p>Bill History</p> 
<p>HB 595 Anders</p>	<p><u>Institutions of higher education report sexual assault/misconduct</u>: Requires public institution of higher education staff members to report alleged sexual assault and misconduct cases directly to local law enforcement and to cooperate in any subsequent investigation.</p> <p>Committee:</p> <p>Bill History</p> 
<p>HB 598 McGaugh</p>	<p><u>Alpha Gamma Rho Day</u>: Designates April twenty-fourth of each year as "Alpha Gamma Rho Day" in Missouri in honor of the founding of the first social-professional agricultural fraternity in the state.</p> <p>Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism</a></p> <p>Bill History</p> 
<p>HB 653 Gardner</p>	<p><u>State teachers colleges/degree granting authority</u>: Modifies provisions relating to the name of state teachers colleges and broadens the degree granting authority of the board of regents of Harris-Stowe State University to include baccalaureate and graduate degree programs.</p> <p>Committee:</p> <p>Bill History</p> 

<p><b>HB 676</b>     <b>Rowden</b></p>	<p><u>Education Innovation Investment Act</u>: Establishes the Education Innovation Investment Act that creates tax incentives for businesses and individuals working in unused or vacant areas of public institutions of higher learning. An eligible business shall be allowed to subtract fifty percent of the eligible business's business income from their federal adjusted gross income when determining Missouri adjusted gross income. In addition, a qualified taxpayer shall be allowed to subtract \$10,000 of the qualified taxpayer's income from their adjusted gross income when determining Missouri adjusted gross income.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention</a></p>
<p><b>HB 682</b>     <b>Johnson</b></p>	<p><u>MO Jobs for Education Program</u>: Establishes the Missouri Jobs for Education Program to provide a tuition credit for certain business owners or companies who create new full-time jobs. The tuition credit will be equal to the amount of the withholding taxes withheld which can be used towards tuition at any approved public institution of higher education in the state.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee:</p>
<p><b>HB 687</b>     <b>Fitzpatrick</b></p>	<p><u>Benefits for students enrolled in higher education</u>: Deletes the statutory provision that makes students enrolled in programs leading to divinity or theological degrees ineligible to receive state student assistance.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee:</p>
<p><b>HB 688</b>     <b>Fitzpatrick</b></p>	<p><u>Tuition rates for unlawful status students</u>: Prohibits public institutions of higher education from offering tuition rates to unlawful status students that are less than the rate charged to citizens of the United States whose residence is not illegal.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee:</p>
<p><b>HB 831</b>     <b>Cierpiot</b></p>	<p><u>Curriculum Transparency Act</u>: Requires public colleges and universities to publicize their curriculum for any degree offered by the institutions</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee:</p>
<p><b>HCR 27</b>     <b>McGaugh</b></p>	<p><u>Alpha Gamma Rho Day</u>: Designates April 24, 2016 as "Alpha Gamma Rho Day" in Missouri in honor of the founding of the first social-professional agricultural fraternity in the state.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee: <a href="#">House Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism</a></p>

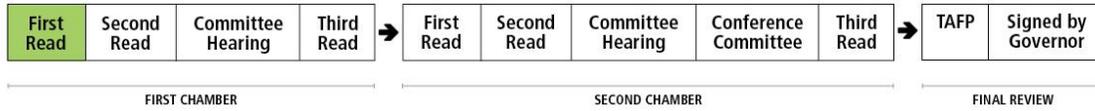
<b>SB 71</b> <b>LeVota</b>	<p><u>Reimbursement for dual credit courses</u>: Requires the Department of Higher Education to establish a reimbursement procedure through the A+ Program for a student's portion of fees for dual credit courses.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee: <a href="#">Senate Education Committee</a></p>
<b>SB 93</b> <b>Emery</b>	<p><u>Campus Free Expression Act</u>: Creates the Campus Free Expression Act to protect free expression on the campuses of public institutions of higher education. The act designates the outdoor areas of campuses of public institutions of higher education to be traditional public forums and states that any person may freely engage in expressive activity so long as the person's conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the institution's functioning.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee: <a href="#">Senate Education Committee</a></p>
<b>SB 109</b> <b>Schaefer</b>	<p><u>DHE institutions covered by Legal Expense Fund</u>: Provides that when the legal counsel of a public higher education institution conducts the investigation, defense, negotiation, or compromise of a claim covered by the State Legal Expense Fund, the Attorney General retains exclusive discretion regarding the settlement of the claim.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee: <a href="#">Senate Judiciary and Civil &amp; Criminal Jurisprudence Committee</a></p>
<b>SB 110</b> <b>Schaefer</b>	<p><u>University of Missouri Board of Curators</u>: Prohibits any member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators from voting to hire, employ or appoint to any position in the university any person who appointed him or her to the board.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee: <a href="#">Senate Education Committee</a></p>
<b>SB 113</b> <b>Dixon</b>	<p><u>Higher education statutes cleanup</u>: Updates references to higher education statutes that have been previously repealed.</p> <p><b>Bill History</b>     Committee: <a href="#">Senate Education Committee</a></p>

<p>SB 139 Parson</p>	<p><u>Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015</u>: Creates the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015, which creates the Missouri Dairy Industry Revitalization Fund. The Act requires the University of Missouri's Commercial Agriculture Program to conduct an annual study of the dairy industry and requires the Department of Agriculture to create and administer a dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program and the Missouri Dairy Scholars Program. The Scholars Program would provide up to 80 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to assist with the costs of tuition to students who agree to work in the agriculture industry in Missouri for at least two years for every year the recipient receives the scholarship and work in a dairy-related field for at least three months.</p> <p>Bill History Committee: <a href="#">Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee</a></p>
<p>SB 174 Schmitt</p>	<p><u>MO Achieving a Better Life Experience program</u>: Creates the Missouri Achieving a Better Life Experience program and provides that a person may make tax-deductible contributions to an account established for the purpose of financing the qualified disability expenses of a beneficiary.</p> <p>Bill History Committee: <a href="#">Senate Seniors Families and Children Committee</a></p>
<p>SB 191 Curls</p>	<p><u>Center to conduct applied urban research &amp; outreach</u>: Relating to the establishment of a center for the neighborhoods on the Kansas City campus of the University of Missouri under the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning. The center shall conduct applied urban research and outreach, actively engage with the city and region, use a collaborative approach to carry out its mission, work with partner organizations to build the capacity of local neighborhood organizations, work with local leaders to identify key actions for neighborhood stabilization, and support academic service-learning.</p> <p>Bill History Committee: <a href="#">Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee</a></p>
<p>SB 207 Pearce</p>	<p><u>Education Tax Credit</u>: Authorizes an employer to retain an employee's state withholding tax for five years if the employee has graduated from a Missouri innovation campus with a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, technology or mathematics after April 30, 2016.</p> <p>Bill History Committee: <a href="#">Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee</a></p>
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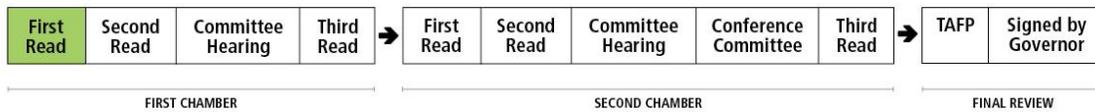
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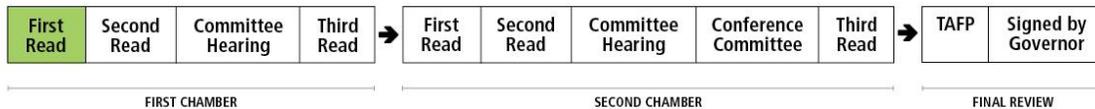
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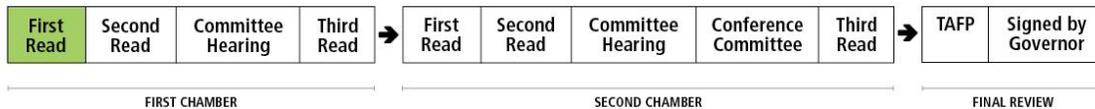
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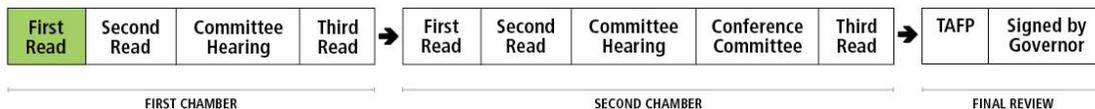
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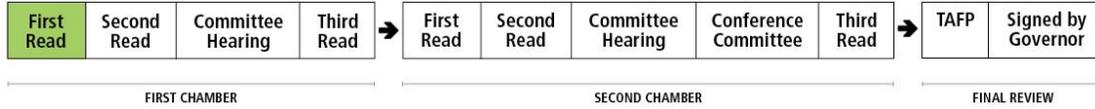
Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program: Changes eligibility requirements for the program commonly known as Bright Flight and expands the program to include a forgivable loan component.

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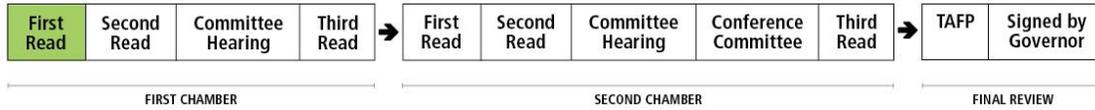
**SB 311**    **Emery**    Student Freedom of Association Act: Creates the Student Freedom of Association Act. The act prohibits public colleges and universities from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association, or discriminating against a religious student association.

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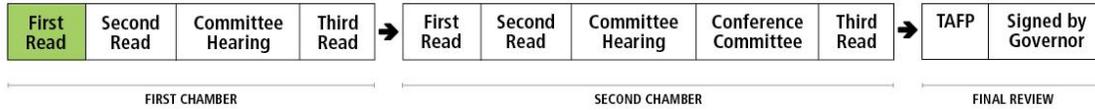
**SB 366**    **Schmitt**    Modifies the provisions of the Missouri higher education savings program:

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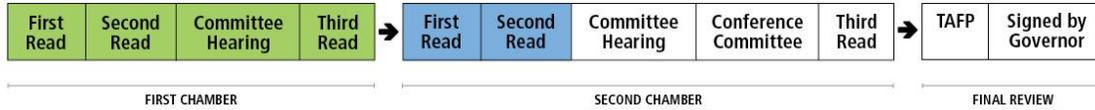
**SB 368**    **Pearce**    Provides that a degree in a program accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System meets various psychologist licensure requirements:

**Bill History**    Committee:



**SCR 9**    **Parson**    Higher education repair/renovation projects: Creates a higher education buildings project list to be funded by revenue bonds issued by the State Board of Public Buildings.

**Bill History**    Committee:



**SCR 11**    **Schmitt**    Tax-deferred treatment of 529 plans: Urges Congress to not remove the tax-deferred treatment of 529 college savings plans.

**Bill History**    Committee: [Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee](#)

