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Legislative Update

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Agenda

- Legislative Session
- Budget Overview
- Higher Education Legislation
- Additional Resources
- Questions



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Legislative Session

- Bill Filing – December 1
- Session Begins – Early January (7th)
- Spring Break – Mid-March (20th – 27th)
- Budget Completed – End of First Week of May (8th)
- Session End – Mid-May (15th)
- Veto Session - September (16th)



Legislative Session

- Multiple Versions of Bills
 - House/Senate Companions
 - Different Solutions/Approaches
 - Omnibus Bills
- Committee Structure
 - Subject Area
 - Conference
- Bill Traffic Control
 - Appropriations
 - Leadership



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Budget Update

- House Bill 3
 - Higher Education Appropriation Bill
 - Operating Funds for MDHE/CBHE
 - Operating Funds for Public Institutions
 - State Student Financial Aid Distribution Funds
 - Higher Education Initiatives
- Capital Improvements



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Budget Update

- Legislative Work Completed
 - Passed on April 23
 - Approximately 3 Weeks Ahead of Deadline
 - Gubernatorial Action Before End of Session
 - Line Item Veto
 - Veto Overrides
 - 2/3 Vote of Both Houses Required



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Budget Update

- Steady Funding for MDHE
- \$2 Million Increase for A+
- Various Reductions to Loan Items
- \$12 Million for Performance Funding
- Other Higher Education Initiatives
- Capital Improvements – FY 2015 and 2016
 - Repair and Renovation



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Legislation

- General Higher Education
 - Tuition for Certain Non-citizens
 - Campus Free Expression
 - General
 - Religious Student Groups
 - Expansion of Institutional Mission
 - Limitation of Board of Curators Authority
 - Revision to MOST (529) Program



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Legislation

- Student Financial Aid
 - Expansion/Revision of Bright Flight
 - Changes Eligibility and Renewal Criteria
 - Establishes Loan Forgiveness Component
 - A+ Eligibility
 - Restrict Those With Only Legal Status
 - Restrict to Citizens and Permanent Residents



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Legislation

- Student Financial Aid
 - Expand Institutional Eligibility
 - Virtual University
 - Limited by Executive Order
 - New Student Aid Programs
 - Missouri Promise
 - Workforce Investment Scholarship



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Legislation

- Student Preparation
 - Identify At-Risk Student in High School
 - Track/Report Results
 - Civics Education Initiative
- STEM
 - Incentives to Provide Internships for STEM students
 - Incentives to Hire STEM Graduates
 - Incentives for Training/Retraining in STEM fields



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More Information

- General Assembly
 - www.moga.mo.gov
 - Legislator Lookup/Search
 - Bill Tracking Information
- MDHE
 - Legislative and Budget
 - Bill Tracking Updated Weekly
 - Budget Information Updated as Needed



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