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Legislative Update

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Financial Aid/ Affordability Bills

Access Missouri Program

HB 1267 (Lichtenegger); SB 682 (Munzlinger)

- Allows virtual institutions to be eligible for Access Missouri awards
- Criteria:
 - Recognized as a qualifying institution by executive order;
 - Recognized as a qualifying institution through a memorandum of understanding between the state and the approved virtual institution;
 - Accredited by a regional accrediting agency;
 - Establish and continuously maintain a physical campus or location of operation within the state;
 - Maintain at least 25 full-time Missouri employees, at least ½ of which shall be faculty or administrators engaged in operations;
 - Maintain a governing body or advisory board based in Missouri with oversight of Missouri operations;
 - Organize as a nonprofit institution; and
 - Utilize an exclusively competency-based education model

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HB 1267							
SB 682							

A+ Scholarship Program

HB 1744 (Hansen)

- Removes the requirement that a student's attendance occur in the 3 years *immediately* prior to graduation

HB 2412 (Corlew); HB 2200 (Rhoads)

- Allows high school students to use A+ funds for dual-credit or dual-enrollment courses

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HB 1744							
HB 2412		Hearing conducted					
HB 2200							

Bright Flight Program

HB 2408 (Fitzpatrick)

- Forgivable loan for the amount of tuition and fees with merit-based eligibility
- Requires students to graduate with a 2.5 GPA, and reside and work in Missouri for at least four consecutive years thereafter; if a student doesn't comply, loan becomes repayable

SB 783 (Nasheed)

- Scholarship for the amount of tuition & mandatory fees with need-based eligibility
- Requires students to maintain satisfactory academic progress, enroll in at least 12 credit hours/semester, complete 30 credit hours/year, participate in a mentoring program, and complete at least 15 hours of community service each semester
- Students must live in Missouri for 3 consecutive years and be employed within 6 months after receiving degree; if a student doesn't comply, scholarship converts to a repayable loan

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HB 2408		Hearing conducted					
SB 783	Second read						

Undergraduate Tuition

SB 912 (Rowden); HB 2348 (Davis); HB 2649 (Rowland)

- Increases or removes the cap on tuition for public institutions, as currently institutions are limited to consumer price index

SB 759 (Schatz)

- Prohibits institutions from increasing tuition and fees for 4 years from the date of the student's initial enrollment

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SB 912							
HB 2348							
HB 2649		Hearing conducted					
SB 759		Hearing conducted					

Veteran Initiatives

HB 1368 (Bayse)

- Limits tuition and fees for combat veterans in a graduate degree program to no more than 30% for a period of 20 years after being discharged

HB 1723 (Grier)

- Exempts certain veterans and family members from tuition, dues, fees, and other required payments for up to 150 credit hours

HB 2305 (Carpenter); HB 2146 (Bangert)

- Authorizes an individual income tax deduction equal to 100% of any student loan forgiven for a veteran with a total service-connected disability under the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program

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HB 1368					Hearing conducted		
HB 1723	Second read						
HB 2305		Hearing conducted					
HB 2149							

Other Higher Education Trends

Degree Authorization

- Establish parameters around the degrees that public institutions of higher education can offer; outline CBHE authority in authorizing various degree programs and criteria to consider when approving a degree program outside an institution's approved mission
 - SB 807 (Wasson)
 - SB 577 (Romine)
 - HB 1465 (Cookson)
 - HB 1876 (Lichtenegger)

*Of note: SB 807 has become a higher education omnibus bill

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SB 577		Combined with SB 807					
HB 1465							
HB 1876							

Computer Science

- Allows students to take a computer science course to fulfill one unit of any math, science, or practical arts unit required for high school graduation
 - HB 1457 (Lauer)
 - HB 1623 (Fitzwater)
 - HB 2128 (Cookson)
 - HB 2292 (Gregory)
 - SB 894 (Libla)
 - SB 921 (Rizzo)

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HB 1457							
HB 1623							
HB 2128		Hearing conducted					
HB 2292	Second read						
SB 894							
SB 921		Combined with SB 894					

Bills to have on your radar...

Allows Missouri dental board to issue dental faculty permits

- HB 1268 (Lichtenegger)

Creates a work-study program within DHE

- HB 1275 (Kendrick)

Prohibits public & private institutions from requiring students to disclose login information for social media sites

- HB 1358 (Davis)

Requires public institutions to provide career & salary information to students

- HB 1455 (Lauer)

Expands the list of public safety officers who are eligible for a survivor's and disabled employee's education grant from the CBHE

- HB 2360 (Redmon)

Allows 529 account holders to transfer funds to an ABLÉ account

- SB 882 (Hoskins)

Students journalists have freedom of speech

- HB 1940 (Corlew)

Allows community colleges to propose a plan to voters to attach a school district; the community college pays for the election

- SB 990 (Hegeman)