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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER

Greetings, MASL Membership! Missouri's 2023 legislative session began on January 4, 2023. As we found out last year, a lot can happen in a short period of time. In an effort to keep you informed regarding legislative efforts that will affect us as librarians and educators, the MASL Legislative Advocacy Committee will send a bi-monthly newsletter of current legislative activity. Please reach out to any Legislative Advocacy Committee member or the MASL office if you have any questions or would like further information. Bills will continue to be filed until mid-March and this legislative season will end in mid-May.

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

- Bill introduced in House or Senate. Bills can be prefiled as early as Dec. 1 and can be filed 60 days into legislative session
- 1st Reading: Only Bill Title & Number Read by House Clerk
- 2nd Reading: Read, Added to Calendar & assigned to a committee
- Public Hearing before the Committee
- Committee Votes "do pass" or no recommendation
- Perfection of Bill: Debate on House floor
- 3rd Reading: Vote for final passage
- Sent to Senate for 1st & 2nd readings, committee referral, public hearing and vote
- Sent to Governor

BILL TRACKING LISTS:

Curriculum:

- [HB66](#): Requires particular topics to be included in history curriculum in grades seven through twelve (*read 2nd time 01/05/2023*)
- [HB137](#): Changes provisions relating to instruction in human sexuality in schools (*read 2nd time 01/05/2023*)
- [HB484](#): Allows school districts to offer elective social studies courses on the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament (*read 2nd time 01/05/2023*)
- [HB595](#): Establishes requirements for American history courses in high schools. (*read 2nd time 01/05/2023*)

Curriculum (cont):

- HB390: Establishes provisions relating to classroom instruction on gender identity and sexual orientation in certain grade levels. *(read 1st time 01/04/2023)*
- HB809: Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to develop a curriculum on personal finance to be used by school districts *(read 2nd time 01/18/2023)*
- SB497: Prohibits schools from providing course materials or instruction on gender identity or gender reassignment *(introduced & read 1st time 01/17/2023)*

Discrimination/Diversity/Equity:

- HB507: Allows school districts to include instruction on LGBTQ contributions to society *(read 2nd time 01/05/2023)*
- SB42: Modified provisions regarding elementary and secondary education *(Scheduled for Committee Hearing 01/24/2023)*
- SB158: Creates provisions regarding parental rights and transparency in public schools. *(read 1st time, 01/04/2023)*

Transparency/Accountability/Parents' Bill of Rights

- HB627: Establishes the Parents' Bill of Rights *(read 2nd time 01/05/2023)*
- HB634: Establishes protections of parental rights to direct the mental, emotional, and physical health and well-being of children *(read 2nd time 01/05/2023)*
- SB4: Modifies provisions regarding transparency in public schools and creates the Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023 *(Scheduled for Committee Hearing 01/24/2023)*
- SB89: Creates the Missouri Education Transparency and Accountability Portal and the Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023 *(Scheduled for Committee Hearing 01/24/2023)*
- SB318: Creates the "Empowering Missouri Parents Act" regarding parental rights in public schools *(read 1st time 01/04/2023)*
- SB451: Establishes the "Parents' Bill of Rights" to protect and promote the rights of parents to participate in and direct the education of their child and to know what is being taught in their child's public school *(Introduced and Read First Time 01/04/2023)*
- SJR6: Amends the Constitution to assert the right of parent to participate in and direct the education of their children. *(Referred to Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development 01/12/2023)*

Miscellaneous

- HB191: Authorizes an income tax deduction for certain teachers *(read 2nd time 01/05/2023)*
- HB192: Establishes a teacher bill of rights *(read 2nd time 01/05/2023)*
- HB492: Establishes the Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Act *(read 2nd time 01/05/2023)*
- SB308: Requires internet service providers to authenticate access to obscene websites and provide subscribers the ability to create an authentication to access such websites *(read 1st time 01/04/2023)*

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