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## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER

Greetings, MASL Membership! Please find the below updated information regarding bill's that MASL is tracking for the 2023 Legislative Session. Please reach out to any Legislative Advocacy Committee member or the MASL office if you have any questions or would like further information. The 2023 Legislative Session will conclude in mid-May.

With seven weeks of the 2023 Legislative Session remaining, bills that have not yet been assigned to a committee or have not had a hearing in the originating chamber are unlikely to make it through the entire legislative process as a stand-alone bill.

Every bill, whether heard or not, still has the potential to become an amendment somewhere in the process.

To consolidate the reports, MASL's lobbyist, Luann Madsen, has created a Hot List of the bills that appear to be moving. As things change, the Hot List will also change. The goal is to following MASL's legislative priorities somewhat easier.

The budget bills were voted out of committee late Thursday night. They will likely be debated on the floor this week so that the Senate can begin working on the budget soon. The Missouri Constitution requires the budget be completed by May 5, one week before the session is Constitutionally required to end on May 12 at 6:00 pm.

### BILL TRACKING LISTS:

**Hot List:** Please note that additional information on each of these proposals may be viewed by [clicking here](#).

- HB 12: Appropriation Bill (*voted do pass as substituted 03/23/2023*)
- HB492: Establishes the Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Act (*referred to House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education 03/09/2023*)
- HB627: Establishes the Parents' Bill of Rights (*House Elementary and Secondary Education Hearing on 03/29/2023 at 8:00 a.m.*)
- HB809: Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to develop a curriculum on personal finance to be used by school districts (*voted do pass 03/22/2023*)
- HB 986: Modifies provisions relating to the powers of libraries (*placed on informal perfection calendar 03/22/2023*)
- SB 4: Modifies provisions regarding transparency in public schools and creates the Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023 (*read second time 02/16/2023*)
- SB 5: Allows the enrollment of nonresident students in public school districts (*placed on informal calendar 02/06/2023*)
- SB 89: Creates the Missouri Education Transparency and Accountability Portal and the Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023 (*superseded by SB 4 01/24/2023*)
- SB 678: Establishes the "Media Literacy and Critical Thinking" pilot program requiring DESE to select 5-7 school districts to address the components of media literacy during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years (*introduced and read first time 02/27/2023*)

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