Greetings, MASL Membership! Please find the below updated information regarding bills 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.

Three weeks remain in the session and the number of bills being voted from committees is increasing daily. The Senate Appropriations Committee finished its work last week, so the budget bills will be debated by the full Senate this week. The Senate Committee restored the funding for the state libraries.

The budget must be finished by the Constitutional deadline of May 5.

**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 04/19/2023)*
- **HB492:** Establishes the Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Act *(scheduled for House Rules-Regulatory Oversight for 04/24/2023 at 12:30 p.m.)*
- **HB627:** Establishes the Parents' Bill of Rights *(referred to House Committee on Rules-Regulatory Oversight 04/05/2023)*
- **HB809:** Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to develop a curriculum on personal finance to be used by school districts *(scheduled for Senate Committee on Insurance & Banking for 04/25/2023 at 11:00 a.m.)*
- **HB 986:** Modifies provisions relating to the powers of libraries *(referred to Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections 04/20/2023)*
- **SB 4:** Modifies provisions regarding transparency in public schools and creates the Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023 *(scheduled for House Rules-Regulatory Oversight for 04/24/2023 at 12:00 p.m.)*
- **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Creates the Missouri Education Transparency and Accountability Portal and the Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023 *(superseded by SB 4 01/24/2023)*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 *(referred to Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development 04/06/2023)*

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