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VETO SESSION ACTION ALERT

The Missouri General Assembly ended on May 15, 2015 with 136 bills Truly Agreed and Passed. Governor Nixon vetoed 18 of the non-appropriation bills; 12 House bills and 6 Senate bills. Legislators will return to Jefferson City on Wednesday, September 16th for the Legislature's annual Veto Session where a number of vetoed bills may be taken up for consideration. A vetoed bill is taken up in the chamber in which it originated. Override requires a 2/3 majority in the House and the Senate. Overrides become effective 30 days after the override date, unless the bill states otherwise.

On August 21, 2015 the League of Women Voters of Missouri Board of Directors voted to support the Governor's veto of HB 42, initially known as the Student Transfer Bill which became a School Choice bill.

HB 42 originated in the Missouri House, sponsored by Rep. Wood. Its primary provisions were directed toward the current student transfer law that states "any student in an unaccredited district could transfer to an accredited district in the county or adjoining county." HB 42 contained provisions for protecting the cost of the sending district and the receiving districts.

After passing the House, other provisions were added in the Senate, including expansion of Charter Schools in St. Louis County and Jackson County (one exclusion in Jackson County-a district enrollment less than 2,500 students).

HB 42 also allows public school funds for students living in the district to participate in for-profit virtual schooling. Expansion of charter schools and virtual schooling without accountability measures could be costly to the unaccredited district.

TAFP: House vote 84-73; Senate vote 23-11.

The League's position, dating back to 2007, is that Charter Schools should not be extended beyond those permitted by Missouri State Statutes, December, 2006- St. Louis City and Kansas City. In 2012 a bill was passed to allow charter schools in unaccredited and provisionally accredited districts in the state. The League opposed.

Please contact your State Representative and State Senator to vote to sustain the Governor's veto of HB 42.

TALKING POINTS TO OPPOSE HB 42 AND SUPPORT THE VETO

- 1) Intrudes on local control telling districts they must accept students from unaccredited districts. No cap on tuition by receiving districts.
- 2) Expands charter schools into St. Louis County and districts in Jackson County, except those with an enrollment of 2500 or less in Jackson County.
- 3) Costly expansion of charter schools and private for-profit virtual schools without accountability and the same accreditation measures of traditional public schools.
- 4) Public funds (school district's) for Virtual Schooling, @ \$6200 or more per pupil, from the resident's unaccredited school district.

Please contact your State Representative and State Senator as an individual to sustain the veto of **HB 42** prior to September 16th.

To find your senator: http://senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/leg_lookup.aspx

To find your representative: http://house.mo.gov/legislator_lookup.aspx

To send an email: firstname.lastname@senate.mo.gov
firstname.lastname@house.mo.gov

How did you legislators vote on HB 42? CHECK HERE!

On motion of Representative Wood, CCS SCS HCS HB 42 was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 084

Alferman Allen Anderson Austin Bahr Barnes Basye Beard Bernskoetter Berry Brattin Brown Brown Burlison Chipman Cierpiot Colona Cookson Corlew Cornejo Crawford Cross Curtis Curtman Davis Dogan Dohrman Eggleston Engler Fitzpatrick Fitzwater Flanigan Franklin Frederick Gosen Haahr Haefner Hicks Higdon Hill Hoskins Houghton Hubbard Hubrecht Hurst Johnson Jones Justus Keeney Kelley King Koenig Kolkmeier Lair Lant Leara Lichtenegger Love Lynch Mathews McCaherty McGaugh Pierson Reiboldt Remole Richardson Roden Roeber Rone Ross Rowden Shaul Shumake Solon Spencer Swan Taylor Vescovo White Wiemann Wilson Wood Zerr Mr. Speaker

NOES: 073

Adams Anders Andrews Arthur Bondon Burns Butler Carpenter Conway Conway Dugger Dunn Ellington English Entlicher Fitzwater Fraker Gannon Gardner Green Hansen Harris Hinson Hough Hummel Kendrick Kidd Kirkton Kratky LaFaver Lauer Lavender Marshall May McCann Beatty McCreery McDaniel McDonald McManus McNeil Meredith Messenger Miller Mims Mitten

Montecillo Moon Morgan Morris Muntzel Neely Nichols Norr Otto Pace Parkinson Peters Pfautsch Phillips Pietzman Pike Pogue Rehder Rhoads Rizzo Rowland Runions Ruth Smith Sommer Walker Walton Gray Webber

Senate Votes

Was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Brown Chappelle-Nadal Dempsey Dixon Emery Keaveny Kehoe Libla Munzlinger Nasheed Onder Parson Pearce Richard Riddle Sater Schaaf Schaefer Schatz Schmitt Sifton Silvey Wieland—23

NAYS—Senators

Cunningham Curls Hegeman Holsman Kraus LeVota Romine Schupp Wallingford Walsh Wasson—11

Sample message: HB 42

Dear Senator or Dear Representative,

I am writing in regards to SB 42 that mainly addresses issues on student transfer, but also includes provisions allowing unaccredited schools to use local public funds for students to enroll in for-profit virtual schooling and the expansion of Charter Schools in St. Louis County and Jackson County, except those with an enrollment of 2500 or less in Jackson County.

I strongly disagree with these options and oppose any effort to divert public funds to private virtual schooling and the expansion of charter schools without accountability and accreditation made the same as traditional public schools.

I urge you to support the Governor's veto of HB 42 and vote to sustain the veto.

THIS IS A BRIEF LISTING OF BILLS TRULY AGREED AND PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR-2015

To read more go to www.moga.mo.gov, Click on Governor's Action on TAFP for other bills signed into law or vetoed.

HB 2 -- Foundation Formula puts an additional \$84 million into the fund for public K-12 schools.

HB 3 -- Increases funding for public higher education institutions by \$12 million based on performance.

HB 11 -- Managed Care-Expands Medicaid managed care to 200,000 parents and children; continuing to exempt the elderly and disabled.

SB 12 -- Dairy Subsidies- Helps dairy farmers pay premiums on federal insurance for their operations.

HB 384-- Tax Amnesty- Waivers interest, fees and other penalties for those who pay back taxes this fall.

SB 149--Data Storage Centers- Exempts some data storage centers from paying taxes on equipment, utilities and machinery.

SB 239-- Medical Malpractice- Caps most non-economic awards at \$400,000 and catastrophic cases such as paralysis, loss of vision or brain injury at \$700,000.

SCR1 -- Designates January as "Sex Trafficking Awareness Month"

HB 517/754 -- Shortens the amount of time in which the Department of Revenue is required issue tax refunds from 90 days to 45 days after a return or overpayment claim is filed.

HB 613 -- Updates and clarifies laws pertaining to delinquent property tax and real property tax sales, among other provisions.

HB 616 -- Exempts short-term rental equipment from personal property taxes.

SB 18 -- Requires the Missouri Department of Revenue to notify businesses of changes in sales tax law interpretation.

SB 166 -- Changes "I Have a Dream" specialty license plate to "Dare to Dream" license plate ... addresses concerns about copyright infringement.

SB 341-- Child Protection -Gov. Jay Nixon signed a new policy aimed at increasing reporting and responses to allegations of children sexually assaulting other minors into law.. It will require the state Children's Division to report claims of sex abuse between two children to a local office. Local offices must respond to the report, and can conduct an investigation if needed.

HB 501- Requires course materials relating to sexual education to contain information regarding sexual predators, online predators, and the consequences of inappropriate text messaging.

SB 5- Modifies distribution of traffic fines and court costs collected by municipal courts.

SB 104 contains many election provisions including Modifies provisions relating to elections. The act modifies provisions relating to the election of trustees of a community college district in a district that contains the City of St. Louis. Specifically, the Board shall consist of seven members, six of whom shall be elected to a six year term, and one member at-large who shall be appointed by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The act further sets forth the powers of the board and requirements for serving on the Board.

SB 244 Creates the Senior Savings Protection Act which lets financial agents put a 10-day hold on transactions they believe could be attempts to financially exploit a person over 60 or with a disability. That broker-dealer must then contact state securities and senior welfare officials and can contact the person's family or guardians about the suspected fraud attempt.