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Education

[HB 2010](#) – Burden of Proof – Representative Travis Smith

This bill makes it the responsibility of the school district to prove students with IEPs are receiving the education they deserve. This bill protects the rights of students with IEPs in the public school system and allows for concerns of parents to be more easily addressed.

[HB 2011](#) – Parental Consent for IEPs – Representative Travis Smith

This bill requires school districts to get written approval from parents when an IEP for their student is created or changed. This bill confirms parents are in agreement with the education their student receives.

[HB 2767](#) – School Attendance – Representative Betsy Fogle

This bill creates an attendance policy where students with mental or behavioral health concerns are excused from school when their absence is deemed medically necessary by a licensed professional.

Employment

[HB 1924](#) – Employment First – Representative Bridget Walsh Moore

This bill makes Missouri an “Employment First” state. It requires all state agencies that support people with disabilities to make competitive employment a priority for those who want to work. If you agree with making employment a priority, you may want to consider sharing your personal story about work and/or asking your legislator to help move this bill forward.

[HB 1927](#) – Ticket to Work – Representative Bridget Walsh Moore

This bill makes changes to the income and countable assets eligibility for the Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program. It allows Missourians with disabilities to earn more money through work while receiving medical assistance. It also allows for saving for retirement without fear of losing your health insurance coverage.

Voting

[HB 2018](#) – Voting Machines – Representative Yolanda Young

This bill requires at least one voting machine for blind or visually impaired voters to be available at each local, state, or federal election. This bill ensures all Missourians have full and equal access to voting and that ballots are accessible to everyone.

[SB 696](#) – Absentee Voting – Senator Elaine Gannon

This bill allows eligible voters to vote absentee for any reason or no reason at all. Voters do not need to meet certain qualifications for voting absentee.

Funding

[HB 3010](#) – Department of Mental Health and Department of Health and Senior Services Funding – Representative Cody Smith

House Bill 3010 is the budget bill that details funding for many disability related programs including Consumer Directed Services and Developmental Disability Residential Services. Advocates are seeking increases in these items so they can recruit and retain people to provide essential services to Missourians with disabilities. Currently, the state does not pay enough to increase wages for the staff who are hired to perform those essential services.

[HB 2253](#) – Behavioral Crisis Grant Program – Representative Crystal Quade

This bill creates funding to assist nonprofit organizations in supporting individuals experiencing a behavioral crisis. These services could include a crisis phone line or messaging system, a residential facility, or a referral program for those who need mental health care.