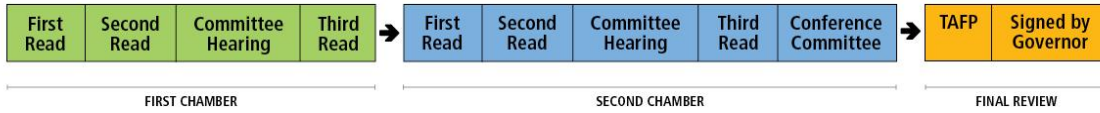




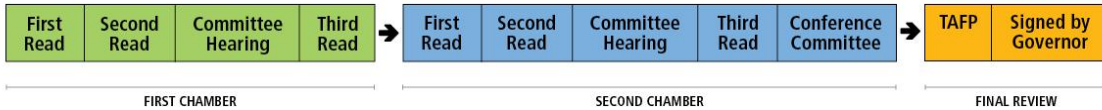
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### Summary of Legislation Signed by the Governor

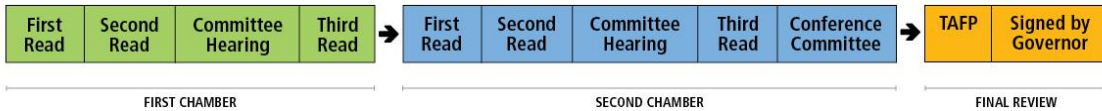
**HB 3**      **Flanigan**      Appropriations – Higher Education: Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds and distributions of the Department of Higher Education.

**Bill History**      Committee:



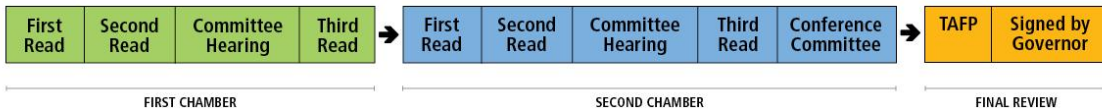
**HB 17**      **Flanigan**      Appropriations – Capital Improvement: Re-appropriates money for capital improvement and other purposes as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Missouri Constitution. This list includes projects for the University of Missouri System, North Central Missouri College, Missouri Southern State University, and Crowder College.

**Bill History**      Committee:



**HB 19**      **Flanigan**      Appropriations – Capital Improvement: Appropriates money for capital improvement. This list includes projects for Crowder College, East Central College, Jefferson College, Metropolitan Community College, Mineral Area College, Moberly Area Community College, North Central Missouri College, Ozarks Technical Community College, St. Charles Community College, St. Louis Community College, State Fair Community College, Three Rivers Community College, State Technical College of Missouri, University of Central Missouri, Southeast Missouri State University, Missouri State University, Lincoln University, Truman State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, Harris-Stowe State University and the University of Missouri System.

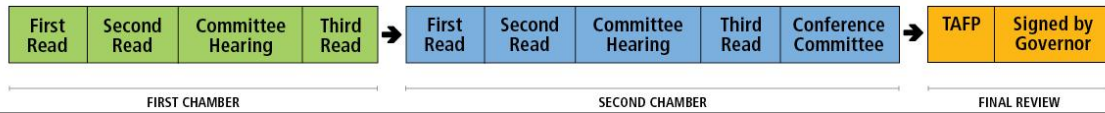
**Bill History**      Committee:



HB 259 Reiboldt

Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015: Creates the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015, which creates the Missouri Dairy Industry Revitalization Fund. The Act requires the University of Missouri's Commercial Agriculture Program to conduct an annual study of the dairy industry and requires the Department of Agriculture to create and administer a dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program and the Missouri Dairy Scholars Program. The Scholars Program would provide up to 80 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to assist with the costs of tuition to students who agree to work in a dairy-related field for at least three months and work in the agriculture industry in Missouri for at least two years for every year the recipient receives the scholarship.

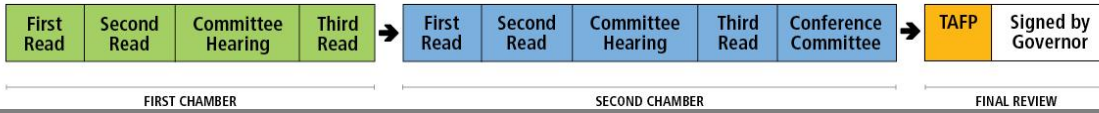
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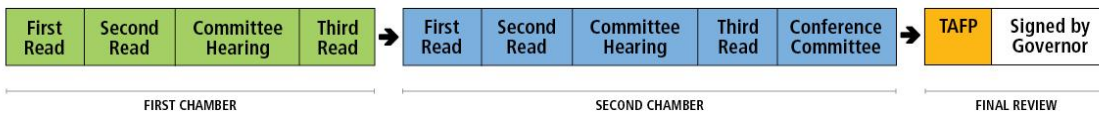
**HB 567**     **Dunn**     Alpha Phi Alpha Day: Designates December 4 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in Missouri in honor of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

**Bill History**     Committee:



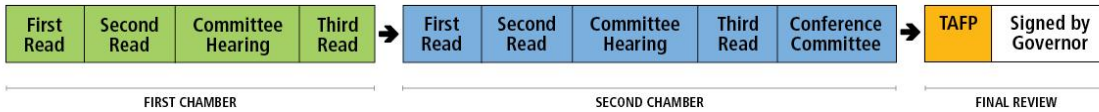
**SB 93**     **Emery**     Campus Free Expression Act: Creates the Campus Free Expression Act to protect free expression on the campuses of public institutions of higher education. The act designates the outdoor areas of campuses of public institutions of higher education to be traditional public forums and states that any person may freely engage in noncommercial expressive activity so long as the person's conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the institution's functioning.

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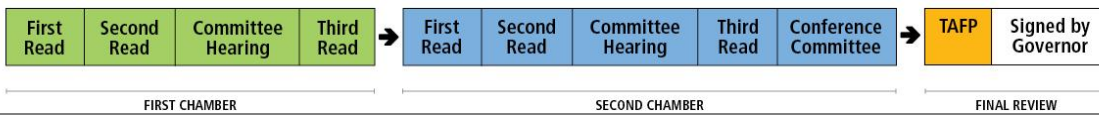
**SB 104**     **Kraus**     Initiative petitions and referendums: Requires actions challenging initiatives and referendums to be fully adjudicated more than fifty-six days prior to the election in which the measure will appear on the ballot. Also requires the board of trustees of the community college district in any district that contains a city not within a county to be composed of seven members.

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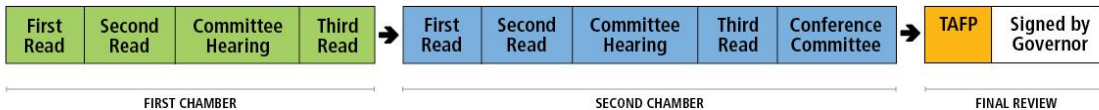
**SB 174**     **Schmitt**     MO Achieving a Better Life Experience program: Creates the Missouri Achieving a Better Life Experience program and provides that a person may make tax-deductible contributions to an account established for the purpose of financing the qualified disability expenses of a beneficiary.

**Bill History**     Committee:



**SB 224**     **Romine**     Student Eligibility for A+ Program: Requires a student to be a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to be eligible to receive reimbursements from the A+ Schools Program

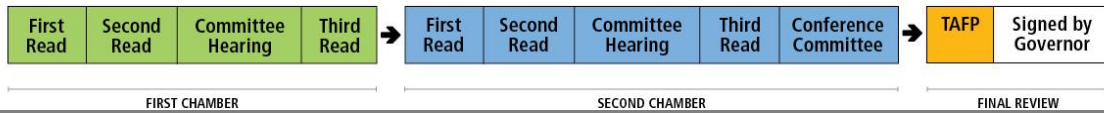
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SB 334 Nasheed

State teachers colleges/degree granting authority: Modifies provisions relating to the boards of regents of state colleges and universities and broadens the degree-granting authority of Harris-Stowe State University.

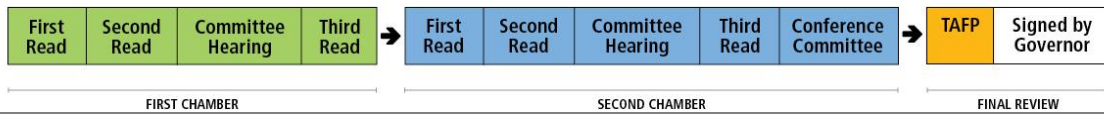
Bill History Committee:



SB 366 Schmitt

MOST savings program: Modifies the provisions of the Missouri higher education savings program to allow for direct deposit from tax returns. It also exempts refunds of qualified higher education expenses in connection with withdrawal from an eligible education institution from state income taxation when the refund is contributed to a qualified tuition savings program within 60 days of withdrawal.

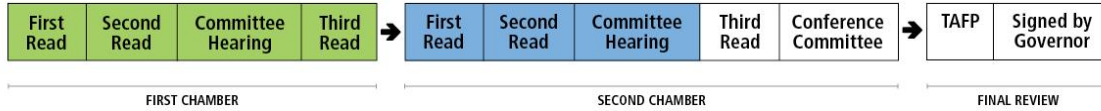
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## Popular Legislation Affecting Higher Education

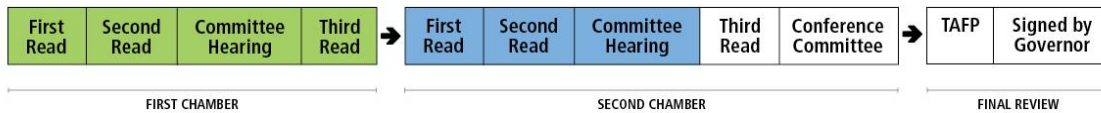
**HB 33 Walker** Survivor's/disabled employee's education grant program: Adds emergency medical technicians and certain staff of the state fire marshal's office to the list of individuals eligible for the Public Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant program.

**Bill History** Committee:



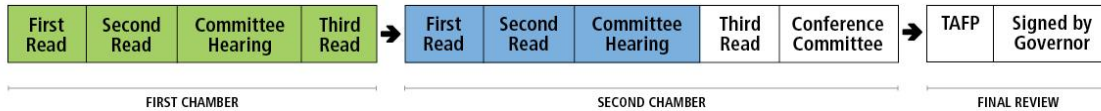
**HB 104 Haahr** Student Freedom of Association Act: Creates the Student Freedom of Association Act. The act prohibits public colleges and universities from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association, or discriminating against a religious student association.

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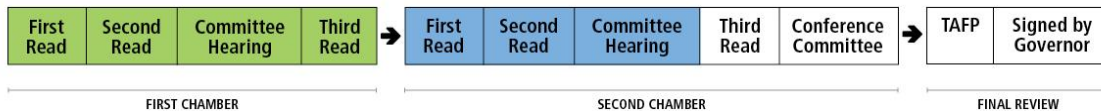
**HB 112 Franklin** Health care workforce analysis: Allows various state boards to collaborate with the Department of Health and Senior Services or other entities to collect and analyze workforce data to assess the availability of qualified health care providers.

**Bill History** Committee:



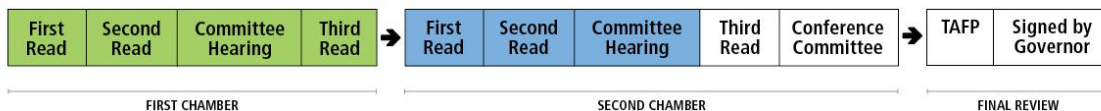
**HB 120 Davis** Password Privacy Protection Act: Establishes the Password Privacy Protection Act. Education institutions shall not require, request or coerce students to disclose the user name and password to, or to access in the presence of a school employee or volunteer, their personal social media accounts. It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an educational institution to violate the statute.

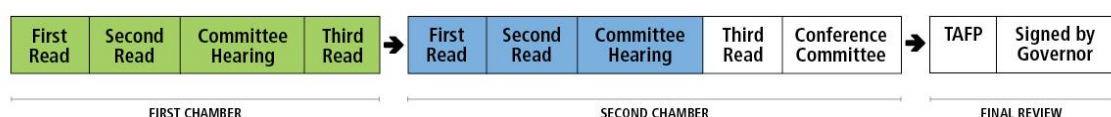
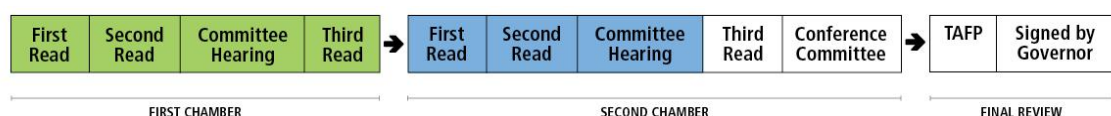
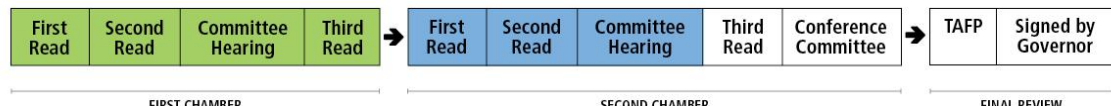
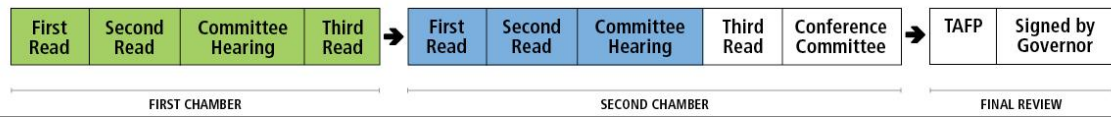
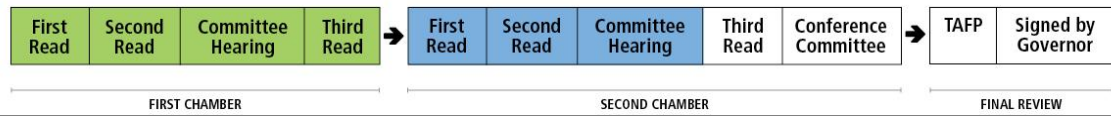
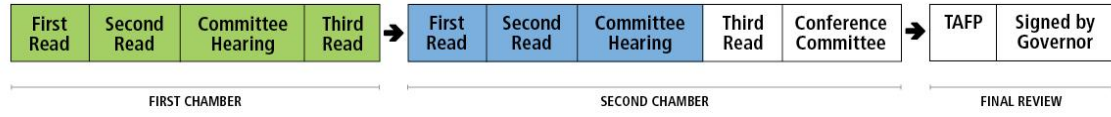
**Bill History** Committee:



**HB 187 Fitzpatrick** Postsecondary education public benefits: Provides that no student in unlawful status in the United States shall receive a postsecondary education public benefit, which includes institutional financial aid awarded by public postsecondary educational institutions and state-administered postsecondary grants and scholarships awarded by all postsecondary educational institutions. Prohibits public institutions of higher education from offering tuition rates to unlawful status students that are less than the rate charged to citizens of the United States whose residence is not illegal. It also deletes the statutory provision that makes students enrolled in programs leading to divinity or theological degrees ineligible to receive state student assistance.

**Bill History** Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)

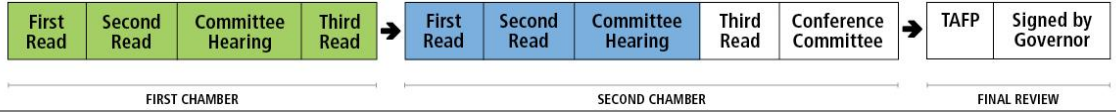


<p>HB 210    Conway</p>	<p><u>Community college police</u>: Allows community college boards of trustees and college police officers to establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college.</p> <p>Bill History    Committee:</p> 
<p>HB 272    Hoskins</p>	<p><u>Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program</u>: Changes eligibility requirements for the program commonly known as Bright Flight and expands the program to include a forgivable loan component.</p> <p>Bill History    Committee:</p> 
<p>HB 377    Swan</p>	<p><u>Remediation Prevention in School</u>: Requires school districts to develop a system for identifying students who are at risk of not being ready for college-level work or entry-level career positions. The district policy must require academic and career counseling to take place sufficiently prior to graduation. The Department of Higher Education must develop a report that analyzes the results of the remediation rate report relative to student performance on statewide assessments.</p> <p>Bill History    Committee:</p> 
<p>HB 578    Swan</p>	<p><u>Missouri Civics Education Initiative</u>: Establishes the “Missouri Civics Education Initiative” which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate.</p> <p>Bill History    Committee:</p> 
<p>HB 867    Frederick</p>	<p><u>Depression screening for medical students</u>: Establishes an online survey for the screening of medical students for risk of depression and the reporting of the prevalence of at-risk medical students using nonidentifying aggregate totals.</p> <p>Bill History    Committee:</p> 
<p>HB 982    Rowden</p>	<p><u>UM extension councils</u>: Allows the University of Missouri extension councils in counties to obtain financing in their own name so long as it does not constitute a debt to the university and the university is not obligated to repay the financed amount.</p> <p>Bill History    Committee:</p> 



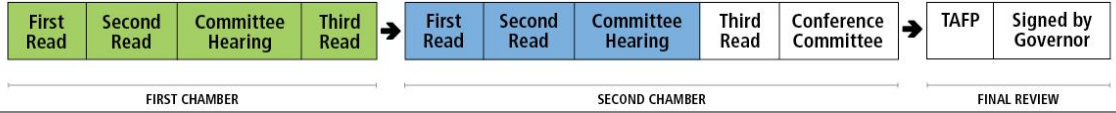
**SB 109**    **Schaefer**    DHE institutions covered by Legal Expense Fund: Provides that when the legal counsel of a public higher education institution conducts the investigation, defense, negotiation, or compromise of a claim covered by the State Legal Expense Fund, the Attorney General retains exclusive discretion regarding the settlement of the claim.

**Bill History**    Committee:



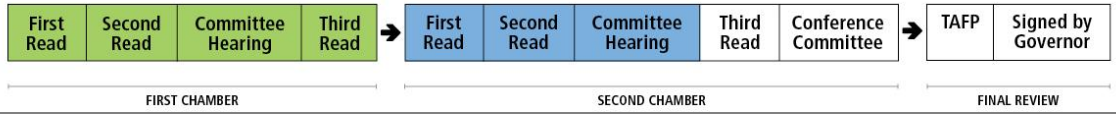
**SB 110**    **Schaefer**    University of Missouri Board of Curators: Prohibits any member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators from voting to hire, employ or appoint to any position in the university any person who appointed him or her to the board.

**Bill History**    Committee:



**SB 113**    **Dixon**    Higher education statutes cleanup: Updates references to higher education statutes that have been previously repealed.

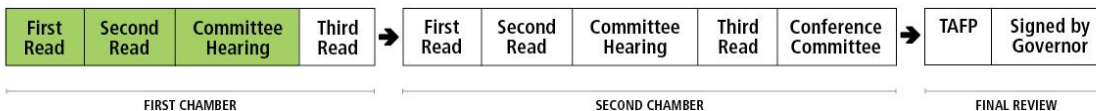
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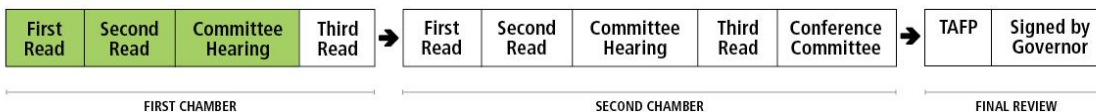
**HB 451**    **English**    Expands A+ Schools Program: Expands the A+ Schools Program to graduates of any Missouri high school that meets the program requirements.

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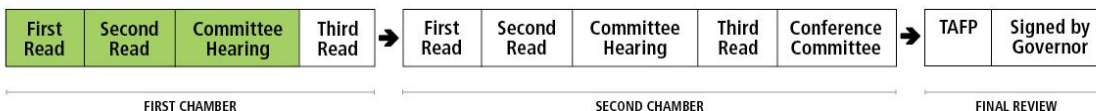
**HB 1092**    **Swan**    Postsecondary course options: Changes the law on postsecondary course options by broadening the definition of schools allowed to cooperate with public high schools to offer those options.

**Bill History**    Committee:



**HB 1254**    **Lichtenegger**    Virtual institutions: Changes the law by adding virtual institutions to the “Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program”.

**Bill History**    Committee:



**SB 71**    **LeVota**    Reimbursement for dual credit courses: Requires the Department of Higher Education to establish a reimbursement procedure through the A+ Program for a student’s portion of fees for dual credit courses.

**Bill History**    Committee:

