

State Legislative Update

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Topics

- 2024 Legislative Session Overview
- Selected FY 2025 Budget Items
- Bills Passed
- Bills Considered but Not Passed

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2024 Legislative Session

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- 102nd General Assembly; 2nd Regular Session
- Session began: Wednesday, January 3
- Session ended: Friday, May 17
- Number of TAFP bills (including budget bills): 46
- Number of TAFP bills impacting DHEWD (not including budget bills): 3



Budget Action

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- Budget bills were signed by Governor on June 28
 - Action can include line-item vetoes
- Department Items
 - Continued funding of FAFSA completion efforts - \$75,000
- College and University Overview
 - Community Colleges – 3% increase (\$5.2M)
 - State Technical College – 3% increase (\$271,695)
 - Public Universities – 3% increase (\$28.9M)
 - Total Increase - \$34.4M

Budget Action

- Student Financial Aid Programs
 - All major programs maintain FY 2024 funding levels
 - A+ Scholarship – \$60.3M
 - Access Missouri - \$75.4M
 - Bright Flight – \$27.6M
 - Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment - \$7M
 - Fast Track - \$4.7M
 - \$170,000 War Veterans Survivor program increase

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Bills Passed

Legislative Action

- SB 912
 - Modifies the educational assistance available to Missouri National Guard members to include a tuition and fee waiver for undergraduate courses at public institutions of higher education under certain circumstances
- SB 727
 - Creates the Teacher Recruitment and Retention State Scholarship Program in DESE
 - Covers 100% of tuition costs for two years
 - Requires teaching in hard-to-staff school or subject for 2 years for each year of scholarship to avoid conversion to a loan

A large, light blue, bubbly graphic with a white outline, resembling a splash or a cloud. The graphic is filled with small, dark blue, curved lines and dots, giving it a textured, bubbly appearance. The text "Bills Considered but Not Passed" is centered within the graphic in a dark blue, sans-serif font.

**Bills Considered
but Not Passed**

Other Legislation

- HB 2278/SB 1056
 - Raises need “cutoff” for Fast Track program
 - AGI maximum increased from \$40,000/\$80,000 to \$50,000/\$100,000
- HB 1569/SB 1065
 - Creates the Career Tech Certificate Program
 - Eligible students must meet A+ program requirements
 - Pay tuition, fees and book costs for short-term, career-focused programs at A+ eligible postsecondary providers and an approved virtual institution

Other Legislation

- HB 2313
 - Creates the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) grant
 - Must receive an Access Missouri award at the same time
 - \$500 award but no more than \$2,000 total
- HB 2326
 - Increases award amounts for the Access Missouri program
 - From \$1,300 to \$1,700 at public two-year institutions
 - From \$2,850 to \$3,500 at public four-year and independent institutions

Other Legislation

- HB 2310/SB 1075
 - Higher Education Core Curriculum Act
 - Revises the current core curriculum requirement to expand from 42 to 60 credit hours

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Questions?