***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Committee Hearings Begin**

The first committee hearings of the 2024 regular legislative session are held this week.

Among these was a lengthy hearing held by the [Missouri Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/75).

Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester is the chair, and sponsors [Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244), a measure that seeks to modify provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program…

 **Koenig :07 Q: on certain criteria.**

Senate Bill 727 is an addition to a recent, new state law governing ESAs.

During the hearing, Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County told the sponsor she still has some unanswered questions about his proposal…

 **McCreery :09 Q: about that happening.**

No committee action has yet been taken on Senate Bill 727. Committee hearings will continue when lawmakers return to Jefferson City on Tuesday.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.