***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Education and Child Care**

The 2024 regular legislative session is about to reach the halfway point.

There are still several items on the docket for Missouri senators.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says he remains eager to see action taken on [Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244), legislation that seeks to modify provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program and authorize charter schools…

**Rowden :09 Q: the support lies.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City says her [Senate Bill 742](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=816) is ready for full Missouri Senate debate, as is the Missouri House of Representatives counterpart. She says childcare tax credits have bipartisan support…

**Arthur :08 Q: on this issue.**

Session will conclude on May 17.

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