***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Education**

Education could return to the forefront in the Missouri Senate this week.

[Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244) includes language aimed at our state’s existing Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program and at charter schools.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the original plan was to take up the legislation this past week…

 **Rowden :03 Q: were getting close.**

Senate Bill 727 would add charter schools in St. Louis, St. Charles and Boone counties.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence adds lengthy debate is expected on this measure…

 **Rizzo :04 Q: forward on it.**

Other education-related proposals are also on the Missouri Senate calendar, including [Senate Bill 1391](https://senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=3550499) and [Senate Bill 1392](https://senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=3550500).

Missouri senators are currently in the 11th of 19 weeks of the 2024 regular legislative session. Session will end on Friday, May 17.

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