***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Education**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another active week in the upper chamber…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: 727 with Committee….**

Monday afternoon and evening were dedicated to [Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244). Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester is the sponsor. He says this measure seeks to modify provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program and authorize charter schools to operate in Boone, St. Charles and St. Louis counties…

 **Koenig 1 :09 Q: a homeschool situation.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City mentioned the state treasurer’s office oversees the ESA program…

 **Arthur 1 :09 Q: lot of data.**

Senate Bill 727 was then set aside for future consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Committee Substitute for…**

The following day, Sen. Koenig brought his proposal back to the floor…

 **Koenig 2 :09 Q: daily, average attendance.**

Senator Arthur says there are several additions to the new version of the bill…

 **Arthur 2 :07 Q: our public schools.**

Tuesday evening, Senate Bill 727 was given first-round Missouri Senate approval. On Thursday morning, it was sent to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 :03 Q: at some point.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the original plan was to take up Senate Bill 727 this past week…

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

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

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

Committee hearings continue…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: hearing this bill….**

Senator Jill Carter of Granby sponsors [Senate Joint Resolution 76](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=300). The [Missouri Senate Health and Welfare Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/79) heard this resolution on Wednesday morning. Senator Carter tells the panel her proposal would ask Missouri voters to modify provisions relating to MO HealthNet…

 **Carter :09 Q: cycles of poverty.**

The committee has yet to decide on Senate Joint Resolution 76…

 **Nat Snd 5 :03 Q: fertilization was filed.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County sponsors [Senate Bill 1486](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=5984743), which she says would modify the definition of an unborn child to exclude embryos created through in vitro fertilization, prior to implantation…

 **McCreery :11 Q: situation as Alabama.**

This legislation awaits a committee hearing…

 **Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: business coming before….**

Missouri senators are currently on their annual mid-session recess and will return to Jefferson City on Monday, March 25.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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