

HB 470 -- Virtual Schools

Sponsor: Barnes

This bill allows a Missouri student to enroll in the virtual course or school program of a charter school or school district other than the student's district of residence. The receiving school must admit the student based on the time of application until full capacity is reached, giving preference to students who are siblings of students already enrolled. Once enrolled, the student may remain in the program until he or she completes the grade levels offered or withdraws. For school funding purposes, the student must be included in the average daily attendance of his or her school district of residence, which must pay the receiving school 72.5% of the previous year's average current expenditure per average daily attendance, not to exceed the total amount due the residence district under the school funding formula. Any higher education institution with its main campus located in Missouri with an approved teacher education program may sponsor a virtual charter school. A virtual charter school may only offer instruction in a virtual setting using technology, Intranet, and Internet methods of communication.