

SCS SBs 586 & 651 -- SCHOOL FUNDING & EARLY CHILDHOOD

(Vetoed by the Governor -- Overridden by the General Assembly)

SCHOOL FUNDING (Section 163.011, RSMo)

This bill modifies the definition of "current operating expenditures" by removing the 2010 expiration date on the 5% per calculation cap on the growth of current operating expenditures.

The bill also modifies the definition of "state adequacy target." The recalculation of the state adequacy target will never result in a decrease from the state adequacy target as calculated for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 and any state adequacy target figure calculated subsequent to fiscal year 2018.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Section 163.018)

Currently, pupils between the ages of three and five who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch and attend an early childhood program, that is operated as described within the bill, must be included in the district's or charter school's calculation of average daily attendance. The total number of such pupils included cannot exceed 4% of the total number of pupils who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch between the ages of three and 18. This bill changes the lower age to five instead of three.

The bill clarifies that charter schools will receive early childhood education funding at the same time as the district in which the charter school is located.

This bill contains an emergency clause.