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Governor Signs Education Reform Bill

Measures Advanced by Sen. Jane Cunningham Included in SB 291

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jane Cunningham’s (R-Chesterfield) education reforms aimed at ensuring a quality educational experience for all Missouri students — including an option for teacher performance-based pay in the St. Louis school district and the creation of statewide teacher performance standards — are among the measures signed into law by Gov. Jay Nixon on July 14.

Senator Cunningham’s proposals, which also include creation of a method of teacher certification for individuals to teach in the areas of banking or financial responsibility and a measure that provides open school enrollment for foster care children, were successfully incorporated into [Senate Bill 291](#) sponsored by Sen. Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph.

Senate Bill 291 is a wide-ranging education reform legislation that, among other things, seeks to expand virtual classrooms, fix an error in Proposition A language that will ensure gaming money goes to Missouri classrooms, and give school districts the option of moving to a four-day school week.

“We have passed more education reform in this bill than we have in my entire nine-year legislative career,” Sen. Cunningham said. “I couldn’t be more pleased that our state had the foresight and courage to move Missouri forward with these ambitious goals for our students and teachers.”

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