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

[House Bill 349](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=59470327) establishes the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program." This measure made its way to the Missouri Senate on March 11, was given Missouri Senate approval on May 6 and signed into law on July 14.

Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester is the bill handler in the upper chamber…

 **Koenig :09 Q: and reduced lunch (2x).**

For supporters, this new law is years in the making. This is something opponents have been trying to keep from happening in Missouri.

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says years have been spent toward getting this proposal passed…

 **Schupp :10 Q: and parochial schools.**

There are varying start dates for each aspect of House Bill 349 to become law.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.