

SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL NO: SB 1653

SPONSOR: Trent

HEARING DATE: 2/17/2026

COMMITTEE: Education	
CHAIRMAN: Brattin	
DATE REFERRED: 2/12/2026	DATE HEARING REQUESTED:

STAFF:

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WITNESSES GIVING INFORMATION:

Mike Lodewgan - MO Council of School Administrators
Perry Gorrell - DESE

WITNESSES FOR:

Kelli Bottger - Louisiana Kids Matter
Rachel Canter - Progressive Policy Institute
Tauna Cowin
Jim Malle - Aligned
Jordan Zakery - Excel in Ed in Action
Cory Koedel - Person
Scott Swain - Missouri Public Charter School Association
Mauri Scott - MO Charter School
Tawanna Dinwiddie

WITNESSES AGAINST:

Steven Carroll - St. Louis Public Schools
Dava-Leigh Brush - Missouri Equity Education Partnership
Otto Fajen - Missouri NEA
Mike Harris - Missouri State Teachers Association

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