

Legislative Update as of 3-23-2023: SCS SB 411 & 230 - Homeschool Activities Bill Clarification to the update – added 3-26-2023:

Just to clear up some questions, FHE did not ask for this language in the bill. The senate committee came back from their spring break with this in place and ready to vote. There was no opportunity for any testimony. A few of the senators who voted no said that they were prepared to vote yes on the Homeschool Activities bill, but felt that with all the last minute changes, they had not had the chance to read through the bill and do their due diligence.

Here are some specific changes to the bill and the page numbers for easier reference. Remember to look for underlined words (changes added to the bill) and shaded words [removed from the bill].

<https://senate.mo.gov/23info/pdf-bill/SCSfromResearch/SB411.pdf>

1. The bill **removes** a home school from the list of “Qualified school[s]” and adds a “family connected school”, therefore, when a family signs up for the MOScholars program and/or participates in public school activities and events, they become a “Family Connected School”, NOT a “home school”: Page 20, 166.700, (7)
2. The bill **adds** new language to the compulsory attendance law to say a “home school” does not participate in public school activities or the MOScholars program. Page 23, 167.031.2(1)(d) and (e)
3. The bill **adds** new language which adds a new school designation, “Family Connected School”. This new school entity allows the Family Connected School student to participate in public school activities and/or the Family Connected School to participate in the privately funded tax credit MOScholar program. Page 23, RSMo 167.031.(2)
4. **Protects** a home school from confusion with a family connected school by government agencies, public schools, etc. by adding the following language: Pages 25-26, 167.031.8
5. Pages 28-30 “Provides that school districts **shall not prohibit** family connected school students from trying out or auditioning for team or club membership in any event or activity offered by the school district.” This is the original SB 411 combined with SB 230 which only included this language.
6. Page 47, 167.042, the bill **removes** the optional Declaration of Enrollment which is the number one problem for parents when withdrawing a student from the public school.

7. Page 47 – 48, 167.071, the bill **removes** the provisions for the public school attendance officer to have the powers of a deputy sheriff in the performance of their duty.

**These are the only changes to the current law. Everything else in the bill is currently in the Missouri statutes and was only printed to give context to the changes.