

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION NEEDED

CALL/EMAIL THE HOUSE COMMITTEE TODAY

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The Speaker of the House has assigned SB 411 & 230 to the House General Laws Committee. This is the link to the current version of SB 411 & 230

Perfected: <https://senate.mo.gov/23info/pdf-bill/perf/SB411.pdf> Thank you for your calls and emails!

The next step is for SB 411 & 230 to be scheduled for a House General Laws Committee hearing. Once this is out of committee and to the House floor, we will likely need calls/emails to your own legislators.

ACTION NEEDED: Your messages can be as simple as Dear Representative (name), "Please make SB 411 & 230 a priority by scheduling a hearing...." OR "Please support SB 411 & 230....."

1. **Email/call the House General Laws Committee Chairman** asking him to make SB 411 & 230 a priority by scheduling a hearing as soon as possible and ask him to support passage of SB 411 & 230:

Representative Alex Riley
House General Laws Committee Chairman
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2. **Email/Call the House General Laws Committee members** asking them to support SB 411 & 230.

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If you agree with Families for Home Education, take action immediately. There are **only 3 ½ weeks left** in the 2023 legislative session, so time is very short. Remember to be polite and respectful when contacting the legislators.

Thank you for your continued diligence in helping Families for Home Education as SB 411 & 230 continues through the process. It takes everyone working together to protect our home school freedoms!!

Here is the most current version of the bill:

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

Specific Changes to the bill and the page numbers for easier reference. Look for underlined words (changes added to the bill) and shaded words [removed from the bill]

1. **Changes the new school designation** throughout the bill from “Family Connected School” to “Family-Led Educational eXperience School” or FLEX School instead of “family connected school”.
2. The bill **REMOVES** a home school from the list of “Qualified school[s]” and adds a “FLEX” school, therefore, when a family signs up for the MOScholars program and/or participates in public school activities and events, they become a “FLEX” school, NOT a “home school”: Page 33, line 18.
3. 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 35-36, lines 65-70, 167.031.2(1)(d) and (e)
4. The bill **ADDS** new language which adds a new school designation, “Family-Led Educational eXperience or FLEX school”. This new school entity allows the FLEX school student to participate in public school activities and/or the FLEX school to participate in the privately funded tax credit MOScholar program. Page 36, lines 71-81, RSMo 167.031.(2)
5. **PROTECTS** a home school from confusion with a FLEX school by government agencies, public schools, etc. by adding section 167.031.8 on Pages 38-39, lines 151-172
6. Pages 41-44 “Provides that school districts **SHALL NOT PROHIBIT** FLEX 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.

7. Page 71, lines 1-25, the bill **REMOVES** the optional Declaration of Enrollment (RSMO 167.042) which is the number one problem for parents when withdrawing a student from the public school.
8. Page 71-72, lines 1-57, 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 (167.071).
9. The Senate did amend the bill during Perfection, but nothing that affects a home school.