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## **News Flash**

**Congratulations Graduates  
Newsletter & Homeschool Day  
Governor Signed SB 727 & HB 2287**

- 1.** FHE would like to congratulate ALL the graduates this spring. Awesome job to them and to you as the parents!!!
- 2.** Watch for our next newsletter in June.
- 3.** Mark your calendars for our next Homeschool Day at the Capitol on March 4, 2025.
- 4.** You may have heard, but the Governor did sign SB 727 and HB 2287 into law, and they will become effective on August 28, 2024. What does that mean to you as a traditional homeschooler? Not much really. You will continue to home educate your children as you always have. Our homeschool definition and records/hours will be moved to a new RSMo Statute, 167.012, which helps to separate us from the other types of schools, including the new FPE schools. Other parts such as the compulsory age of 7-17 and the year of July 1 to June 30 will remain in RSMo Statute 167.031. Also, the issue with the gun rights have been strengthened in the law and should no longer be a concern.

**5.** A traditional home school cannot be an FPE school. FPE schools have been set up with a new school designation, RSMo 167.013, just like public, private, and home schools and will be allowed to accept MOScholars money from the scholarship program. While their rules in their statute mirror a traditional home school for NOW, they will also have to adhere to all the additional rules and regulations of the program.

**6. ONE CHANGE:** The one minor change we will have is with a little word, "and". Our law has always listed the 5 required subjects as "reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, AND science" meaning all 5 needed to be taught each year where record keeping and hours were required. However, that little word has been removed. So, while all subjects are very important, you don't have to teach each one every year. For a perfect example, middle and high schoolers, until age 16, still need Reading AND Language Arts. Now, you would be able to combine them into one subject and not worry about trying to separate them out.

Our infographic below has been updated.

# HOME SCHOOL LAW



## Changes on Aug 28



**5-7-2024 UPDATE** - SB 727 & HB 2287 have been signed by the Governor. The bills will become effective on August 28, 2024. FHE will be making updates to our website and FTF books as we get closer to August.



### What does this mean to the traditional home school? Not much changes!!!

#### New Statute - 167.012

Moved from 167.031, to our own home school statute, 167.012. Compulsory age in 167.031 is still 7-17 and the school year is still July 1 to June 30.

#### What we cannot do

A home school cannot participate in MO Scholars and is not a Family Paced Education (FPE) school.

#### Gun Concerns

HB 2287 was amended to add the home school gun concerns by tightening the homeschool definition.  
\*Statute Numbers in RSMo 167.012  
\*School definition in RSMo 571.010, does not include a home school

### A home school will continue to keep the currently required records



#### HOURS LOG & PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

All moved to RSMo 167.012. NOTHING was lost.



#### 167.012 HOME SCHOOL RECORDS

1. A plan book, diary, or other written record indicating subjects taught and activities engaged in; b) A portfolio of samples of the child's academic work; and c) A record of evaluations of the child's academic progress; or Other written or credible evidence equivalent to subparagraphs a. to c.



#### 167.012 HOURS AND SUBJECTS

2. Offer at least one thousand hours of instruction, at least six hundred hours of which shall be in **reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, or academic courses** that are related to such subject areas and consonant with the child's age and ability. At least four hundred of the six hundred hours shall occur at the regular home school location;

Small Words - Big Meaning	RSMo 167.013 - FPE Schools	RSMo 167.071 - GONE
<p>Note the absence of “and” between social studies and science in the Hours and Subjects above.</p> <p>Gives more flexibility in your teaching. While all subjects are STILL important, you can focus on what is needed with your child.</p>	<p>A new section, 167.013, was also created for the new Family Paced Education (FPE) schools that will allow those students to participate in the MO Scholars program. They will be subject to the same record keeping requirements as a home school, but will also be subject to the additional MO Scholars requirements of required tests, curriculum approval, records review, or whatever the program rules require.</p>	<p>RSMo 167.071 is repealed/removed in SB 727. This is a section that gives “school attendance officers” the power of police officers and gives them the power to “arrest without a warrant.” They will NO longer have that ability.</p>

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