

Missouri House of Representatives 2011 Legislation which Citizens for Educational Freedom is supporting

[HB 393 - Parent Empowerment and Choice Act](#) - Rep Tim Jones, Eureka (Sponsor)

This act would allow parents, under certain circumstances, to invoke true parental control and interventions for a struggling, failing school. We have some incredible, excellent schools in our State and because of our zip code, my family is fortunate to live in one of the best districts in the State. However, the grim reality is that many schools, in and around our urban cores, are failing our children and are nothing more than dropout factories. Without the ability to relocate, some families are stuck forever in this harsh reality. This act provides true options of local control to help families deal with these issues and provide a better education for their children.

The public hearing phase of the House Bill was completed February 16, 2011.

[HJR 10 -- Educational Freedom](#) - Jay Barnes, Jefferson City (Sponsor)

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment repeals the prohibition against state funds being used to support any religion or religious school and specifies that parents or guardians have the right to choose any school for their children. A stipend must be provided to pay for education in the amount equal to the state and local funding paid to the public school to parents choosing any accredited school other than the public school assigned to their child by geographical location. Grants or donations of personal property may be made by the state or any political subdivision for any religious creed, church, or sectarian purpose but the current prohibition on donating real estate continues.

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