

**GIFTED ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI**  
**2012 State Advocacy Agenda**

**ADOPT LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO REPORT  
GIFTED PROGRAMS TO DESE**

**House Bill 1062 – Sponsor Rep. Scott Diekhaus and Rep. Sara Lampe**

**Senate Bill 599 – Sponsor Senator Kurt Schaefer**

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills121/billpdf/intro/HB1062I.PDF>

- This legislation would require each school district to report annually to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding the programs or services being provided for gifted students within their district.
- Gifted Students require programs or services beyond the level of programs ordinarily provided in regular public school programs.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN**

**House Bill 1595 – Sponsor Rep. Sara Lampe**

- This legislation would create an Advisory Council from organizations of educators and parents of gifted and talented children and other groups with an interest in the education of gifted and talented children to provide the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education advice on rules and policies to be adopted relating to the education of gifted and talented children.

**STAFF PERSON AT DESE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN**

**House Bill 1596 – Sponsor Rep. Sara Lampe**

- This legislation requires the state board of education to designate a staff person to be in charge of educational programs for gifted and talented children.
- This person shall be responsible for developing an approval process for educational programs for gifted and talented children by no later than September 1, 2013.

**PROTECT PENALTY FOR GIFTED EDUCATION**

**Protect Language in Statute that Penalizes School District for Reducing Gifted Programs by more than 20% per year.**

- In order to secure gifted programs that were already established when the new foundation formula was written, a penalty was established in legislation.
- The penalty states: “If a school district experiences a decrease in its gifted program enrollment of more than twenty percent from its 2005-06 gifted program enrollment in any year governed by this subsection, an amount equal to the product of the percent reduction in the district's gifted program enrollment multiplied by the funds generated by the district's gifted program in the 2005-06 school year shall be subtracted from the district's current year payment amount.”

**MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY & MISSOURI FINE ARTS ACADEMY**

**Support state funding to be released for the budget of the Missouri Scholars Academy and Missouri Fine Arts Academy for the June, 2012 academies. The Governor withheld \$200,000 appropriated by the State legislature in June, 2011.**

**GAM also requests that the legislature and the Governor fund the MSA and MFAA for June 2013.**

- The Scholars Academy is a three-week residential program at MU for 330 high school juniors who are academically gifted;
- The Fine Arts Academy is a three-week residential program at MSU for 220 rising high school juniors and seniors who are gifted in the arts.

## OTHER GIFTED FACTS & FIGURES

- \$24,870,104 was appropriated for gifted education in FY2006. In FY2007, this amount was rolled into the new foundation formula. Without this line item, there is no State Assisted Gifted Program within DESE, and those funds can be spent on other programs.
- Gifted Education is being taught in 291 school districts throughout Missouri; teaching 42,407 gifted students.

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