

The legislative update from the  
Missouri State Teachers Association

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## ***Governor proposes Grant program to raise beginning teacher salaries***

In his State of the State address on Wed., Governor Parson proposed a grant program that would raise teacher salaries to \$38,000. Under the proposal, grants would cover 70% of the difference between the existing salary and \$38,000, and schools would make up the rest.

## ***Hours waiver for PSRS/PEERS retirees expired in December***

The temporary waiver on portions of state statutes that limit the number of hours worked and salary earned by PSRS/PEERS retirees while working for covered employers in temporary, part-time and substitute positions expired December 31, 2021.

## ***State Board of Education adopted legislative priorities***

The State Board of Education recently outlined new legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. These priorities focus on five areas: educator recruitment and retention, safe and healthy schools, success-ready students and workforce development, early learning and early literacy, and providing access to opportunity.

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