

HB 1823 -- VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

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This bill allows a Missouri student to enroll in the virtual course or program of a school district or charter school other than the student's district of residence. The receiving school must admit the student based on the time of application until full capacity is reached, not to exceed 1.75% of the students enrolled in public schools, including charter schools. Preference will be given to students who are siblings of students already enrolled. Once enrolled, the student may remain in the virtual program until he or she completes the grade levels offered or withdraws. For school funding purposes, the student is included in the average daily attendance of his or her school district of residence. The school of residence must pay the receiving school 72.5% of the previous year's average current expenditure per average daily attendance, not to exceed the aggregate amount due the residence district under the basic school funding formula, which includes the classroom trust fund, and Proposition C funds. Any higher education institution with its main campus located in Missouri with an approved teacher education program may sponsor a virtual charter school. A virtual charter school may only offer instruction in a virtual setting using technology, Intranet, and Internet methods.