



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 727		DATE: 2/23/2021	
COMMITTEE: Emerging Issues			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/23/2021 3:59 PM
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			

I am in Support of this Bill.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 727		DATE: 2/23/2021	
COMMITTEE: Emerging Issues			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: MIKE WOOD		PHONE NUMBER: 800-392-0532	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 458			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65205
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/23/2021 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 727		DATE: 2/23/2021	
COMMITTEE: Emerging Issues			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: OTTO FAJEN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3202	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1810 EAST ELM STREET			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/23/2021 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 727		DATE: 2/23/2021
COMMITTEE: Emerging Issues		
TESTIFYING: <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES		
WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SCOTT MCKELLAR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mck9@swbell.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/21/2021 3:09 PM
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.		

HB 727 Would eliminate Missouri's state income tax over a four year period for teachers (by which term I shall include certain paraprofessionals for convenience).That may sound good. Hey, we all love teachers, right? Wouldn't it be nice to give them a break?I invite you to consider whether the benefits to teachers will in fact be illusory.If labor markets behave as the textbooks say, then people respond to the totality of the economic factors in play. When choosing among different careers and different employers, they will focus on after-tax income, not pre-tax income, because after-tax income is what they have to live on.If teachers receive favorable tax treatment, then teaching jobs will be correspondingly more attractive. Over time, a new equilibrium will be established, with teachers receiving lower pre-tax income but roughly the same after-tax income. The net effect on teachers will be a wash.The effect will also be a wash for public schools. They'll save money by paying teachers less, but they'll also have less tax revenue to rely on.I fear that HB 727 will, on balance, be a gift to private schools, at taxpayer expense. They'll be able to get away with paying their teachers less, with no reduction in revenue. The teachers themselves may not benefit.The result, however disguised, will be yet another way to favor private schools and disfavor public ones.If you really want to increase teachers' after-tax incomes, there's no need to do anything so convoluted and indirect. Just pay them more money. Higher salaries for public school teachers will exert upward pressure on the salaries of private school teachers as well.