

Senator Ed Emery 2015 Legislative Survey

1. Missouri's income tax should be eliminated and replaced by a broad-based sales tax (similar to the federal Fair Tax model).

Strongly agree:	644	29%
Somewhat agree:	452	20%
No opinion:	269	12%
Somewhat disagree:	260	12%
Strongly disagree:	594	27%
Total response:	2219	

2. Missourians should be free to choose whether or not to join a labor union (commonly called "Right to Work").

Strongly agree:	1482	65%
Somewhat agree:	233	10%
No opinion:	82	4%
Somewhat disagree:	122	5%
Strongly disagree:	366	16%
Total response:	2285	

3. Who should be in control of a family's choices regarding their children's education?

Federal government:	44	2%
State government:	116	5%
Local school boards:	356	16%
Parents:	1735	77%
Total response:	2251	

4. A student should be able to transfer to a school in a school district other than their government assigned one if the other school best fits the educational needs of the student.

Strongly agree:	1036	45%
Somewhat agree:	532	23%
No opinion:	103	4%
Somewhat disagree:	265	12%
Strongly disagree:	358	16%
Total response:	2294	

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5. A child attending an unaccredited school should have the right to transfer to a private school if that is the best alternative for that child.

Strongly agree:	1211	53%
Somewhat agree:	522	23%
No opinion:	126	6%
Somewhat disagree:	149	7%
Strongly disagree:	257	11%
Total response:	2265	

6. Parents would have a better understanding of the performance of their child's school system if each school building in the state received a letter grade (A, B, C, D, or F) that corresponds to its score on the performance report it receives annually.

Strongly agree:	995	44%
Somewhat agree:	648	28%
No opinion:	213	9%
Somewhat disagree:	166	7%
Strongly disagree:	253	11%
Total response:	2275	

7. As professionals, Missouri teachers should be evaluated on their overall performance rather than granted tenure after five years of teaching.

Strongly agree:	1261	55%
Somewhat agree:	478	21%
No opinion:	58	3%
Somewhat disagree:	172	8%
Strongly disagree:	318	14%
Total response:	2287	

8. In the 2015 Missouri state budget of \$26.4 billion, the two largest categories are transfer payments (entitlements such as Medicaid, TANF, and SNAP) of approximately 33% and K-12 education approximately 22%. In your opinion, is the entitlement portion of the budget:

Too low:	321	15%
About right:	779	37%
Too high:	1020	48%
Total response:	2120	

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9. Missouri's current Medicaid program is growing at about \$300 million annually. Some say Missouri should expand Medicaid eligibility to cover able-bodied adults up to 138% of the federal poverty level in order to meet the recommendations set forth under the Affordable Care Act. Do you:

Strongly agree:	315	14%
Somewhat agree:	235	10%
No opinion:	183	8%
Somewhat disagree:	335	15%
Strongly disagree:	1186	53%
Total response:	2254	

10. If Medicaid is expanded, we should pay for the expansion with:

Increased taxes:	535	33%
Reductions to education spending:	261	16%
Other:	832	51%
Total response:	1628	

11. How should Missouri generate revenue to fund highway improvement projects?

An increase in the state sales tax:	53	2%
An increase in the state fuel tax:	426	19%
The creation of toll roads on some major roadways:	476	21%
A combination of all three:	331	15%
None of the above (Reprioritize state budget spending):	905	40%
No Opinion:	51	2%
Total response:	2242	

Total responding to at least one question: 2326