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Roles on school board committees to be finalized

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Following its reorganization last month, Columbia Public Schools board members are establishing roles on advisory committees, including creating a new one.

Action at Monday night's meeting, May 11, will establish committee assignments for finance, long-range facilities planning, policy, Chapter 100 property tax abatement, wellness and the calendar committee.

The board also will consider the creation of a committee on student achievement, which will include three board

members, with one serving as chair; the district's chief academic officer; the district's chief equity officer and four community members. It is noted that Eric Dickson is slated to chair this committee, where board members John Lyman and Jeanne Snodgrass also will serve.

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MO House backs bill linking families, resources

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A bill intended to connect Missourians in need with community resources passed the Missouri House Thursday, May 7, setting up a final vote in the state Senate that would send it to Gov. Mike Kehoe.

The bill, sponsored by Republican state Sen. Jill Carter of Granby, would direct the Missouri Department of Social Services to set up the program. It would also create a program aimed at strengthening communication access services for deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing Missourians.

The House passed the bill 125-9 with bipartisan support.

Republican state Rep. Melissa Schmidt of Eldridge, the bill's handler in the House, said the legislation could "reduce placement of children in foster care and provide a pathway for stronger, more self-sufficient Missouri families."

Schmidt said it could also decrease state spending on welfare programs, calling it "a budget reduction proposal."

The bill would direct the department to build a case management system to refer Missourians experiencing "barriers to self-sufficiency" to participating faith-based groups and nonprofits.

The House also removed a provision, added onto Carter's bill by Republican state Sen. Lincoln Hough of Springfield, that would have required the House and Senate budget chairs to approve any state contract worth \$20 million or more.

Carter did not respond to a request for comment on the House amendment.

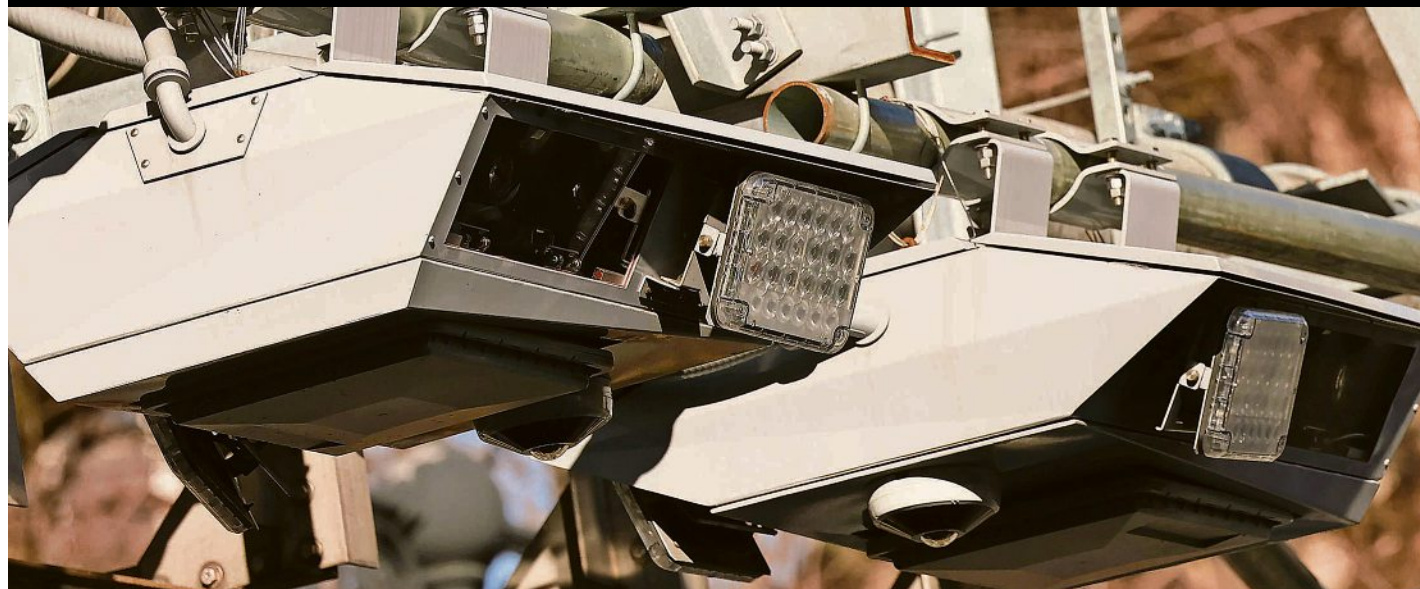
Democratic state Rep. Keri Ingle of Lee's Summit, a former child abuse investigator for the Missouri Children's Division, said a similar pilot program in Jackson County helped families find the resources they needed to address concerns of neglect and keep kids from being placed with strangers.

In many cases of reported neglect, Ingle said, "these were simply resources that the family did not have."

"When [the child's] safety can't be

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ANALYSIS AI-integrated cameras raise alarms



E-ZPass readers and license plate-scanning cameras are seen in 2025 in New York City. Many such camera systems are using artificial intelligence to create a vast, searchable database that can be integrated with other law enforcement data repositories. MICHAEL M. SANTIAGO/GETTY IMAGES

License plate tracking systems in thousands of U.S. cities

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