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## **Rep. Dixon Introduces Legislation to Encourage Donations to Organizations That Provide Financial Assistance to Public Schools**

**Jefferson City** – Missourians who donate their hard-earned money to charitable organizations that provide additional funding to public schools would receive a state tax credit under legislation filed this week by Rep. Bob Dixon, R-Springfield. Organizations such as Springfield Public Schools Foundation and Logan-Rogersville Education Foundation would benefit.

Rep. Dixon's bill, HB 970, would authorize a tax credit equal to 50 percent of the donations made to public school foundations in Missouri. The amount of the tax credit could not exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the tax year in which the credit is claimed.

Public school foundations are independent, not-for-profit organizations with the purpose of collecting and distributing contributions from individuals, businesses, and organizations to public schools in order to enhance the educational opportunities for Missouri students.

"As we seek every option available to provide the quality education our young people need and deserve, organizations such as these offer a significant contribution to the process that is highly appreciated by the schools in our state," said Rep. Dixon. "This bill would allow us to eliminate some of the tax burden for Missourians while increasing the amount of financial support for our schools. These are two extremely positive steps forward that I hope we can provide with the eventual passage of this legislation."

Under Rep. Dixon's legislation, the cumulative amount of tax credits issued in any one fiscal year could not exceed \$20 million dollars. The amount of the allowable tax credits would be distributed so that no more than \$8 million could be issued to taxpayers in school districts with ten thousand or more students and no more than \$12 million could be issued in school districts with fewer than ten thousand students.

The bill now awaits assignment to committee.

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