

Andrew Koenig Extremism Spotlight

Even with Missouri having some of the most restrictive laws in the United States, Senator Andrew Koenig introduced legislation furthering abortion restrictions in Missouri. Andrew Koenig proposed legislation that would have made it illegal for employers to assist employees in getting abortions. Those who did so would no longer have been able to be awarded grants, tax credits, or other financial benefits from the state. SB 1077 sought to impose stringent regulations on the relationship between employers and their employees regarding reproductive healthcare choices. [[SB 1077](#), Second Read and Referred S Health and Welfare Committee, 1/25/2024; KCUR, [1/7/2024](#)]

Senator Andrew Koenig sought to drop basic requirements for child labor laws. In 2023, Andrew Koenig sought changes and advocated for eliminating work permit requirements for children. His proposed legislation aimed to repeal various provisions associated with youth work certificates, specifically removing the prohibition on employers from demanding a certificate as a condition of employment for individuals under 18. According to his proposal, employers would have been mandated to obtain signed permission slips from a parent or guardian under specific work conditions if employing a child between the ages of 14 and 16. SB 175 was voted 'Do Pass' in the Education and Workforce Development Committee but did not become law. [Missourinet, [4/27/2023](#); [SB 175](#), SCS Voted Do Pass S Education and Workforce Development Committee, 2/21/2023]

Senator Andrew Koenig was the primary sponsor of legislation interfering with public school curricula in an attempt to intimidate instruction on topics related to racism and race-related issues. Over the past few years, MAGA Extremists in Missouri have led the nation in educational intimidation legislation, outpacing Texas and Oklahoma. Senate Bill 4 was only one of thirty-one such attacks on Missouri students and teachers. The bill attempted to intimidate teachers and public instruction related to racism and race-related issues by creating a statewide portal housing school financial data and every public school curriculum. Senate Bill 4, like many other Republican-led attacks on teachers and students, banned the teaching of Critical Race Theory in public schools. Critical Race Theory, or CRT, has become a catch-all term for MAGA Republicans' attempts to ban instruction on racism. According to KCUR, any district out of compliance with these MAGA Extremist demands would "be subject to litigation or other form of redress and to a civil penalty of \$500 per occurrence." [[SB 4](#), Missouri State Legislature, Regular Session 2023; KCUR, [1/24/2023](#); St. Louis Post Dispatch, [8/23/2023](#)]