Gov. Mike Parson signs law expanding voucher-like scholarships

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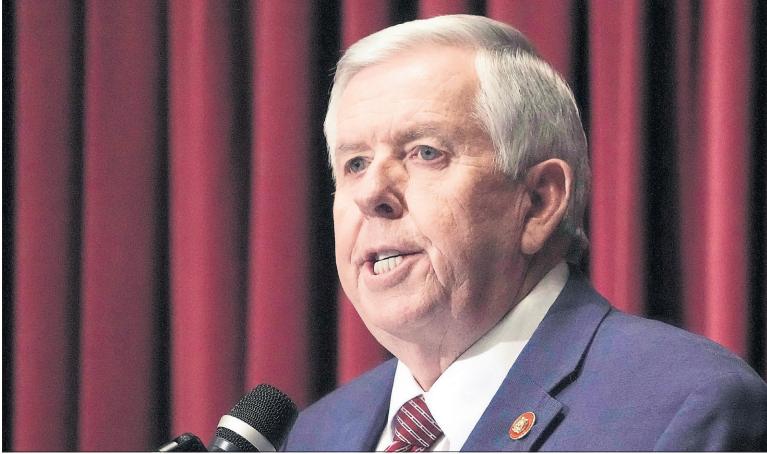
JEFFERSON CITY. Mo. — K-12 students from low-income families across Missouri soon will have access to private school scholarships under legislation signed Tuesday by Republican Gov. Mike Parson.

The voucher-like scholarship program, which takes effect Aug. 28, will offer as much as \$6,375 per child for expenses including tuition, textbooks, tutoring, transportation, extracurricular activities and summer school. Scholarship accounts are funded by private donors in exchange for tax credits.

The initiative also promises hundreds of millions of dollars more for public schools, a compromise made to help the bill pass the Legislature where so-called "school choice" policies have struggled to advance.

Teachers will be paid a minimum of \$40,000 a year under the new law, with additional incentives for long-time teachers with master's degrees.

"Since the beginning that progress."



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Missouri Gov. Mike Parson delivers the State of the State address on Jan. 18, 2023, in Jefferson K-12 students from low-income families across Missouri soon will have access to private school scholarships under legislation signed Tuesday, by Parson.

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Missouri's current pri- year for a family of four. money under the law. we've looked at ways vate school scholarship and reward our educa- ents to residents of the tors for the hard work state's largest cities and they do," Parson said in to families who earn less a statement. "This legisthan 200% of the federlation helps us continue al poverty level, which

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The legislation to increase teacher pay program limits recipies that cap to 300%, or increases the cap on tax require public votes to \$93,600 for a family of credits for private donafour. Students who need tions to the initiative extra help through from \$50 million to \$75 day school weeks and individualized educa- million per year to help provide incentives to tion plans will get some pay for a possible influx works out to \$62,400 a additional scholarship of students participating five-day weeks.

in the program.

The law also will approve a school district's switch to fourschools that maintain



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