



Senator Norma Champion

District 30

2009 Legislative Session Accomplishments

Legislation

- **Personal Needs Allowance (amended onto HB 395).** Allows seniors and disabled residents living in long-term care facilities to retain up to an additional \$5 per month for personal needs such as a telephone, special hair care and other items not provided by the facility. Currently, the allowance is only \$30 a month and has not increased since the '80s. This legislation will gradually increase the allowance until it reaches \$50.
- **Crime Lab Commission (amended onto HB 62).** Provides the establishment of an entity to monitor crime labs in the state that are receiving state funding. This will help ensure that processes are in place so as not to jeopardize criminal evidence.
- Construction of a new columbarium wall at the Springfield Veterans' Cemetery.
- Public Defender's Office (\$2 million increase).
- Rate increase for in-home services, which include personal care, adult day care, respite and private nursing (\$51,003 federal stabilization + \$91,385 federal funds).
- Increase in the annual clothing allowance for children in foster and alternative care — age 0-5, from \$150 to \$250; age 6-12, from \$200 to \$290; and age 13+, from \$250 to \$480 — and an increase in the age limit for diaper allowance from age 2 to 3 — \$50 per month, no increase in amount (\$1,326,926 federal stabilization + \$329,525 federal funds).

Appropriations Highlights

NOTE: Governor could line-item veto appropriations budgets.

Miscellaneous Appropriations

- New Family Court Commissioner for the 31st Circuit (Greene County).
- Home Telemonitoring funding to remain at \$800,000 (some change in funding streams).
- Nursing Home Daily Rate increase of \$5.50 per day (now over \$130).

HB 22 (Federal Stabilization Funding)

- Electronic Monitoring System for Pseudoephedrine (\$886,455).
- Missouri State University Phase One of Renovations at both Springfield and West Plains campuses (\$19,228,211).

Education Funding

- **Springfield School District** FY10 projected foundation formula distribution is \$43,188,488 (FY09 was \$42,288,117). **Increase of approximately \$900,000.**
- **Ozark Technical Community College** FY10 appropriations is \$12,259,691 (FY09 was \$11,259,691). **Increase of \$1 million.**
- **Missouri State University** FY10 appropriations is \$92,272,829 (FY09 was \$90,074,222). **Increase of approximately \$2.2 million** (includes \$1.5+ million for Preparing to Care).

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