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Senator Crowell Announces Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative Passes Legislature

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jason Crowell (R- Cape Girardeau) today announced that the college campus construction plan known as the “Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative,” (contained in Senate Bill 389), has passed the Legislature and now moves to the governor for his signature.

The project calls for the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority to sell some of their assets to create \$350 million to go towards the campus construction projects outlined in House Bill 16, a companion bill. Four major college campus construction projects that Sen. Crowell has advocated for are featured in the Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative.

“These facilities will be exciting additions for Southeast Missouri with a widespread impact throughout the area,” said Sen. Crowell. “The passage of this legislation is the culmination of a lot of effort.”

27th Senate District Lewis & Clark college construction projects include:

- A dental hygiene clinic at Southeast Missouri State University, in collaboration with Missouri Southern State University. (\$173,000 in Lewis & Clark funding.)
- A conservation- and environmental-based business incubator at Southeast Missouri State University. (\$4.5 million in Lewis & Clark funding.)
- Combination of renovated historic buildings and new construction to house the Visual and Performing Arts School at Southeast Missouri State University’s River Campus. (\$17.2 million in Lewis & Clark funding.)
- An autism education, research, diagnosis and treatment center at Southeast Missouri State University. (\$2.638 million in Lewis & Clark funding.)

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