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## **Sen. Joe Keaveny, St.-Louis Legislators to Host Public Forum Seeking Input on Local Control of St. Louis Police Department**

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Joe Keaveny, D-St. Louis, who filed legislation on Dec. 1 to return control of the St. Louis Police Department to local officials ([Senate Bill 643](#)), will host a public forum on the issue on Sat., Dec. 19, in St. Louis.

Senator Keaveny will be joined by other St. Louis-area legislators and President of the Board of Aldermen Lewis E. Reed.

Senator Keaveny's bill would allow the City of St. Louis to control its police force without state intervention through the passage of an ordinance. The proposed legislation would not alter the current police pension system for members of the St. Louis Police Department, which would continue to be governed by state statute.

**WHO:** Senator Joe Keaveny, State Representatives Jamilah Nasheed, Tishaura Jones, Jeanette Mott-Oxford, James Morris and Chris Carter, and President of the Board of Aldermen Lewis E. Reed.

**WHERE:** Schlafly Branch Public Library, 225 North Euclid Avenue, St Louis (located at the corner of Lindell and Euclid Ave.).

**WHEN:** Saturday, Dec. 19, 1 to 3 p.m.

**WHY:** Legislators are seeking public input on the issue of local control of the St. Louis Police Department. A recent state audit citing abuses within the police department has prompted legislation in Jefferson City to return control of the St. Louis Police Department to city governance.

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