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Senator Wright-Jones Prefiles Measures for the 2010 Legislative Session

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Robin Wright-Jones, D-St. Louis, recently prefiled several measures for the 2010 legislative session. December 1 marked the first day that prefiled bills could receive designated numbers. Lawmakers could begin prefiling bills beginning July 1. Members of the General Assembly may prefile bills continuing up to, but not including, the first day of session. Bills filed during this pre-introductory period are automatically introduced and read the first time on the opening day of session, Jan. 6, 2010. Legislation may also be introduced by any senator during the legislative session, up to a certain date.

Several of Sen. Wright-Jones' prefiled measures contain legislation she filed last session, including a bill that would establish a prostate cancer pilot program, legislation that would promote the efficient use of health care revenues, and a measure that would reduce the number of abortions in Missouri through the Prevention First Act.

Senator Wright-Jones has also prefiled new legislation this year relating to education. One measure would require certain reporting requirements for charter schools, holding those institutions to the same standards as public schools in Missouri. Another bill would require all educational institutions in the state to submit a statistical census to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Currently, only public schools are required to fulfill this census.

In order to help track how federal and state dollars are being used, Sen. Wright-Jones also prefiled a corporate transparency bill. This legislation would require corporations to document how many jobs are created in Missouri using tax payer dollars.

“Prefiling legislation is one of the most important steps lawmakers can take to ensure that measures drafted for the citizens they represent and the state as a whole are ready to go as soon as the legislative session begins,” said Sen. Wright-Jones. “Education and job creation go hand-in-hand. Many of my measures will help those in charge of creating more job opportunities and improving our economic climate make Missouri a better place for new and existing businesses to grow and thrive.”

To see a list of Sen. Wright-Jones' prefiled legislation, visit www.senate.mo.gov/wright-jones. And for more information about Sen. Wright-Jones' prefiled legislation, you can call her Capitol office at (573) 751-2606, her district office at (314) 533-8000, or e-mail the senator at robin.jones@senate.mo.gov.

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