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Sen. Eric Schmitt Pledges to Develop a Long-term, Strategic Plan to Reform Healthcare in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY – Moving forward on his promise to reform healthcare in Missouri, Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Glendale, was recently appointed by Senate Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, as the chairman of the Missouri Senate Healthy Missourians 2020 Committee. This committee was formed with the goal of defining where Missouri should be in the area of healthcare in the year 2020.

“My work on this committee will allow me to move forward in making healthcare more available, affordable, and portable,” said Sen. Schmitt. “I am honored to be appointed to lead the committee, and I pledge to use this opportunity as a vehicle to help lessen the skyrocketing healthcare costs that are affecting so many Missouri families and businesses.”

[Senate Resolution 303](#) was adopted by the Senate on Tuesday (2-24). Missouri currently ranks 38th in the nation in terms of health status among states, and the panel was formed to improve the state’s health systems so that Missourians can lead healthier, longer, and more productive lives.

The committee will work to develop a long-term strategy for bringing more people into health coverage, control the soaring cost of healthcare, and lessen the burden of healthcare costs on families and small businesses.

“I formed the 2020 committees to determine where we want to be and how best to get there by the year 2020,” said Sen. Shields. “Sen. Schmitt is passionate about transforming healthcare to save lives and save money leading to longer, healthier lives for the people of Missouri. I trust he will be a long-term leader on this important and ongoing issue.”

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