## **STATEMENT**

## By Senator Jason Crowell on Funding for the Southeast Missouri Autism Center

JEFFERSON CITY– Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today commented on the governor's decision to halt millions of dollars of planned college construction projects that were funded with money from Missouri's student loan authority. Payments to build the Southeast Missouri Autism Center in Cape Girardeau are currently under review.

"I will continue to advocate for autism services and funding in our area and throughout the state to better the lives of those with autism. With shortfalls plaguing the state's budget, we will need to make tough choices throughout this year. With this understanding, I will work with Governor Nixon's administration and do everything I can to get funding for the Southeast Missouri Autism Center."

-Senator Jason Crowell