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## Measure Containing Provision Sponsored By Senator Keaveny Receives Governor's Signature

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Joseph Keaveny, D-St. Louis, announces that legislation containing a provision he sponsored in the Missouri Senate streamlining the child support process in Missouri has been signed into law. <u>House Bill 1692</u> changes provisions relating to real estate broker and real estate salesperson licensing, unemployment compensation, deadly force, and other provisions of law.

Senator Keaveny's provision relating to child support, originally found in <u>Senate Bill 877</u>, provides clear guidance regarding the termination of child support payments, ends the accrual of child support obligations when child support is deemed terminated under Missouri law, and addresses concerns raised in a <u>2007 state audit</u> regarding the accrual of child support obligations after a child is legally emancipated.

"This provision catches up with outdated statutes regarding child support payments in Missouri," said Sen. Keaveny. "We need to acknowledge those parents who are trying to do what is right for their children, while at the same time, let the system work for those who are not. My provision will do just that."

With the governor's signature, House Bill 1692 takes effect August 28.

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