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## **Sen. Pearce Encourages Public Participation in “Rebooting Government”**

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) is encouraging citizens of the 31<sup>st</sup> District to submit their cost-savings ideas for state government through the Senate’s recently launched “Rebooting Government” initiative.

Throughout the legislative session, individuals are invited to share their ideas for how to rework Missouri state government. Missourians may submit their proposals by visiting the Senate’s website at [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov) and clicking on the [Rebooting Government](#) logo. Submissions may be anonymous.

“We are leaving no rock unturned as we work on a budget for next year,” Sen. Pearce said. “We know that difficult decisions are inevitable, so it’s important that we draw from a wide range of cost-cutting ideas outside the Capitol.”

To begin the process of reviewing citizen-submitted ideas, next Tuesday, March 23, the Senate will dedicate a work day to discussing the more than 500 suggestions already submitted by Missourians. Eight groups of four senators each will review and discuss the proposed ideas, and then put forward at least five ideas they agree upon to be introduced in legislation or through the budget process.

“This is a rare opportunity to make significant changes to how our government operates,” Sen. Pearce said. “We cannot sustain our current level of government given our budget restrictions, so bold and innovative solutions are necessary. I look forward to discussing Missourians’ ideas with my colleagues next week.”

Ideas will be examined in the following categories: Agriculture/Outdoors/Department of Natural Resources, Courts/Legal/Department of Public Safety, Education, General Government/Office of Administration, Retirement, Social Programs, Tax Structure, and Transportation. Senator Pearce will serve as chairman of the Education group. Although public testimony will not be taken, all working groups are open to the public.

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