



# Senator Bill White

## THE WHITE PAGES

### 32nd Senatorial District

Dear neighbors,

Thank you for entrusting me to serve as your state senator and be your voice in Jefferson City. When the First Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly adjourned on May 14, legislators had passed a total of 69 bills and resolutions. This 2021 Legislative Review summarizes the outcome of my bills, several of the truly agreed to and finally passed proposals and next year's operating budget.

During my third year as a senator, I sponsored 30 pieces of legislation. Four of these made it through the entire legislative process, and the language from eight of my measures was amended to other successful bills. I also helped usher two House bills across the finish line. I attribute much of this success at the Capitol to the overwhelming support I receive from the residents of our community.

Helping our state recover from the pandemic was the focal point of many conversations and proposals, and we passed several new policies, including liability protections from COVID-19 related lawsuits, to help protect businesses, health care workers and others. The Missouri Senate also responded to the virus by making a few temporary changes to our processes. The audio of committee hearings was livestreamed this year, and citizens could submit electronic testimony instead of driving to Jefferson City to appear in person.

I was honored to chair the Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee this year. We heard and advanced numerous proposals to strengthen families, as well as some new initiatives to connect service members with important services.

I'm grateful for those who shared their stories, offered to be a resource and took part in the legislative process this year. If you have ideas to improve our community, need to voice a concern or want to subscribe to my capitol report, The White Pages, please contact me.

Regards,

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# 2021 Truly Agreed...

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

Harry S. Truman

## — My Passed Legislation

**Senate Bill 120** is my proudest accomplishment this session. Following recommendations from the U.S. Department of Defense, the omnibus measure creates the "Purple Star Campus" program for schools and adds data-collecting questions to state forms to connect service men and women to state benefits. It also, with voter approval, creates the Missouri Department of the National Guard.

My COVID-19 liability bill was merged with **Senate Bill 51** and establishes liability protections for Missouri schools, businesses and health care facilities to help our state's pandemic recovery efforts.

**Senate Bill 258** classifies Missouri National Guard members as state employees to allow them to drive state-owned vehicles for official business, such as assisting with COVID-19 vaccinations.

**Senate Bill 44**, my water and sewer infrastructure act, expedites regulatory processes, minimizes sudden spikes in utility rates and allows for more cost efficient infrastructure repairs and replacements.

**Senate Bill 53 & 60** addresses violent crime, reforms policing techniques and protects law enforcement officers. The bill restricts the use of respiratory chokeholds, changes proceedings in juvenile cases, establishes the "Police Use-of-Force Database" and includes the language from my Senate Bill 212 to update changes made within the Department of Corrections.

**House Bill 604** makes changes to insurance regulations and contains the language from my **Senate Bill 369**, removing the

requirement that property damage must be caused by fire to receive full insurance payouts.

**House Bill 429** was signed in April and has language from my **Senate Bill 454**. The new law removes barriers for adoption and establishes a clearer path to permanency for foster children.

**House Bill 432** is a multi-faceted measure I handled in the Senate to protect vulnerable individuals. It contains the Birth Match Program language from my **SB 454**, insurance coverage for children's hearing aids from my **Senate Bill 43** and the antipsychotic medication components of my **Senate Bill 173**. I also included language from **House Bill 76** to exempt sheltered workshops from minimum wage requirements and added **Senate Bill 582** to the measure to allow a newborn to be dropped off anonymously in a safe environment.

**House Bill 557**, the other House bill I carried, requires exempt-from-licensure residential care facilities to register with the Department of Social Services and to comply with child safety standards.



*Senator White chairs the Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee.*

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"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude."

Jeff Miller

# ...And Finally Passed

## — On the Governor's Desk —

**Senate Bill 2** was signed into law on April 22 and modifies the Missouri Works program to include part-time National Guard duty and civilian support jobs.

**Senate Bill 26** establishes the "Police Use-of-Force Transparency Act of 2021" and the "Law Enforcement Bill of Rights" for police officers during internal investigations. This bill also prevents police department budgets from being drastically reduced and includes several other public safety provisions.

**Senate Bill 57** establishes the "Critical Incident Stress Management Program" within the Department of Public Safety to provide services for police officers who are coping with stress and potential psychological trauma resulting from a critical incident or emotionally difficult event. This act also creates the "988 Public Safety Fund" within the state treasury to fund these services.

**Senate Bill 63** establishes the "Joint Oversight Task Force of Prescription Drug Monitoring" to create a statewide prescription drug monitoring program.

**Senate Bill 71** allows pets to be included in orders of protection, modifies the definition of "stalking" and extends orders of protection from 2-10 years, or up to a lifetime in some cases.

**Senate Bill 153** requires online retailers who make over \$100,000 in sales to collect sales tax on all internet purchases made by Missouri consumers.

**Senate Bill 262** raises the motor fuel tax by 2.5 cents per gallon beginning Oct. 1, 2021, and increases it by 2.5 cents a year until it reaches an additional 12.5 cents per gallon on July 1, 2025. Missourians who drive vehicles weighing less than 26,000 pounds may file for a refund of the additional taxes paid.

**Senate Bill 303** modifies provisions relating to workers' compensation payments and other programs within the Department of Labor.

**House Bill 85** establishes the "Second Amendment Preservation Act."

**House Bill 271** states that no county, city, town or village will require COVID-19 documentation (passports) to access transportation systems or institute health orders to close businesses, churches or schools for more than 30 days without approval from a local governing body.

**House Bill 297** establishes the "Students Right to Know Act" to enable high school students to explore higher education options and make informed decisions regarding their future.

**House Bill 349** establishes the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program" to provide parents with educational alternatives for their children.

**House Bill 430** expands the adoption tax credit program to include the adoption of any child and increases the size of the tax credits available for those who donate to domestic violence shelters and maternity homes.

**House Bill 476** allows military occupational specialties to qualify under our state's reciprocity laws, allowing for easier access to employment opportunities for our returning military professionals.

**House Bill 574** prohibits agencies outside of Missouri from inspecting agricultural grounds and facilities.

## VETERANS

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## FISCAL YEAR 2022

### MISSOURI OPERATING BUDGET

#### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

**GENERAL REVENUE...\$10,450,412,978 (29.8%)**

The main sources of General Revenue are:

Individual Income Tax	Insurance Premium Tax
Sales and Use Tax	Liquor and Beer Tax
Corporate Income Tax	

**FEDERAL FUNDS.....\$14,269,046,915 (40.7%)**

**OTHER FUNDS.....\$10,354,887,254 (29.5%)**

Other Funds are resources dedicated to specific purposes.

Examples include:

Lottery and Gaming Proceeds  
Highway and Road Funds  
Conservation Parks, Soil & Water Funds  
Proposition C and Cigarette Tax

#### TOTAL AVAILABLE AFTER REFUNDS:

**\$35,074,347,147**

#### FISCAL YEAR 2022 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT All Funds: \$35.074 Billion

