



STATE SENATOR 
KARLA MAY
DISTRICT 4

2022 END OF SESSION REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's hard to believe, but my first term in the Missouri Senate will come to a close later this year. I've learned a lot in my four years in the Senate, and it has been an incredible honor to serve you. With every vote I took in the Senate, I strived to put the people of the 4th Senatorial District first, and along the way, we've accomplished some amazing things.

From criminal justice and policing reform, to raising awareness for mental health, to bringing dollars back to our district, I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for the trust you have put in me as your state senator for the past four years.

As always, my office is here to serve you. If you have any questions about your state government or if my office can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



State Sen. Karla May
4th Senatorial District



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2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACHIEVEMENTS



Cutting Taxes for Hardworking Missourians

Senator May supported and helped pass a middle class tax cut this session. House Bill 2090 provides a one-time tax credit of up to \$500 for single filers earning less than \$150,000 a year and up to \$1,000 for married couples earning less than \$300,000 a year. Unfortunately, HB 2090 was vetoed by the governor on July 1.

Protecting Survivors

Passed by the General Assembly, Senate Bill 775 updates the Sexual Assault Survivors Bill of Rights to offer additional protections to survivors, including the right to consult an employee or volunteer at a rape crisis center, a forensic examination, as well as access to a shower and a change of clothes. The bill also prohibits prosecutors from prying into the sexual history of witnesses in assault cases.

Honoring Our HBCUs

Senate Bill 718 is a higher education bill that also won passage out of the General Assembly. Among other provisions, the bill designates the third week of every September as "Historically Black College and University Week" in Missouri. This legislation recognizes the important role our HBCUs, such as Harris-Stowe State University, play in educating the next generation of Missourians.

TIMELINE OF SENATOR MAY'S SENATE CAREER

Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Reform Passes

Containing language sponsored by Sen. May, House Bill 192 gives courts the ability to depart from mandatory minimum prison sentences in certain cases that don't involve violent or sexual offenses. This allows courts to have more discretion in sentencing based on the specifics of the case.

House Bill 1682 Passes

Despite African-Americans making up the largest group of minorities in need of organ transplants, few are organ donors. Hoping to raise awareness of this disparity and encourage minority organ donation, Sen. May successfully amended House Bill 1682 to designate August as Minority Organ Donor Awareness Month.

Policing Reform Bill Passes

Senate Bills 53 & 60 includes Sen. May's legislation requiring police departments to annually report use-of-force data involving its officers. It also includes her legislation to establish the "Critical Incident Stress Management Program" and an accompanying 988 Public Safety Fund fund to provide mental health support services to law enforcement officers following a difficult or traumatic event while on the job.

Senator May Appointed to Appropriations Committee

During the 2021 legislative session, Sen. May was able to secure \$56.2 Million in funding for various projects in the 4th Senatorial District.

Mental Health Education Bill Passes

According to the CDC, suicide is the second leading cause of death in high school-aged youths. To combat this, legislation sponsored by Sen. May was passed requiring high school students to receive mental health awareness education as part of Senate Bill 681.

Senate Bill 710 Passes

This bill, with legislation sponsored by Sen. May, authorizes school-contracted agents trained by a nurse to administer epinephrine to students having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

Senate Bill 210 Passes

Senator May's Senate Bill 210 designates the pawpaw tree as the state fruit tree and the hellbender salamander as the official state endangered species.

The pawpaw tree is native to Missouri and produces the largest edible fruit found naturally in North America. This legislation holds a special place for Sen. May because students from the New City School in St. Louis initially proposed naming the pawpaw tree as our state fruit tree while learning about our state in the fourth grade.

Meanwhile, the hellbender is the largest species of salamander native to North America and lives in streams across Missouri. Unfortunately, hellbender populations have declined over the years. Senate Bill 210 hopes to raise awareness about this important animal.

Senate Bill 57 Passes

This legislation creates the Economic Distress Zone Fund, which provides financial support to nonprofits working to deter crime in high-crime areas.

Pioneering Black Women's Day Passes

Senate Bill 72 creates several new state designations, including legislation sponsored by Sen. May making March 26 of each year "Pioneering Black Women's Day" in honor of Gwen B. Giles, the first Black woman to serve in the Missouri Senate.

Local Government Bill Passes

House Bill 271 includes legislation sponsored by Sen. May to crack down on the theft of catalytic converters and other metals by creating new regulations for buying and selling scrap metal. This includes requiring a license in order to sell scrap metals and for dealers to maintain additional records of sales.

House Bill 2400 Passes

This legislation establishes the Citizen's Land Development Cooperative Act. These cooperatives give residents the opportunity to receive an ownership stake and a share of profits for redevelopment projects in their community.

Senator May Secures \$96.5 Million in Funding for Projects within the 4th Senatorial District

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