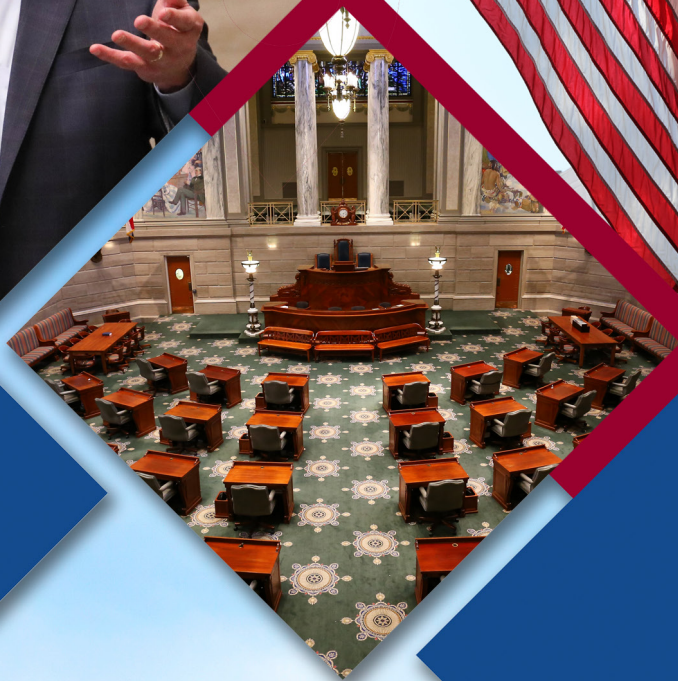
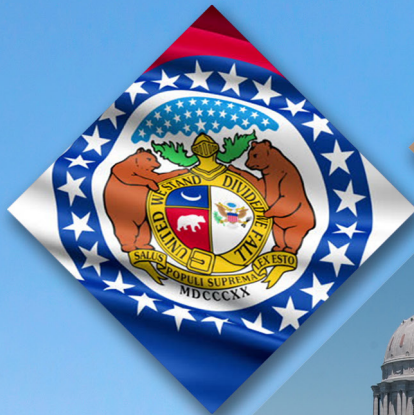


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2023 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

From safeguarding the well-being of Missouri's most vulnerable to enhancing public safety and making historic investments in infrastructure, the First Regular Session of Missouri's 102nd General Assembly proved to be a success. I'm proud of the actions taken to support working-class Missourians, such as exempting Social Security from state taxation, ensuring fair and balanced competition in women's sports, protecting minors from life-altering gender reassignment treatments, banning texting while driving, approving historic funding to add lanes to a vital cog in our infrastructure and making record investments for our great state's workforce development and education programs.

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Tax Cuts for Seniors & Families



Missouri's multi-billion dollar surplus allowed for numerous tax cuts for Missourians. **Senate Bill 190** helps Missouri seniors combat record high inflation by exempting social security benefits from state taxation. Senate Bill 190 also allows counties to freeze real property tax rates for senior citizens on their primary residence through a tax credit that will need to be approved by voters.

Senate Joint Resolution 26 fights back against record high childcare costs by asking voters to exempt all real and personal property, used primarily for the care of a child outside of the home, from taxation.

According to the Missouri treasurer, 10% of Missourians have unclaimed property. Visit treasurer.mo.gov/UnclaimedProperty to see if you have property to claim.

Common Sense Reforms

Legislators ensured a reduction of red tape, safer roads and upholding fair business practices with the intention of protecting Missourians.

Senate Bill 398 streamlines sales tax collection by allowing auto dealers to collect sales tax at the time of a vehicle's purchase, implements the "Siddens Bening Hands Free Law" to promote safer driving by banning texting while driving and establishes the Motor Vehicle Franchise Practices Act to ensure fair regulation of vehicle sales and warranty service compensation.

Senate Bill 167 cuts red tape and allows for CDL drivers to submit their medical cards via email rather than in person at the DMV, wasting precious hours on the road.



Protecting Missouri's Children & the Integrity of Women's Sports



Missouri's most important resource is our children. **Senate Bill 39**, the "Save Women's Sports Act," was signed by the governor on June 7 and is an essential step in protecting the integrity of women's sports and ensuring fair competition. Senate Bill 39 prohibits educational institutions from allowing biological male students from participating on sports teams designated for biological females. This law applies to elementary, secondary and postsecondary education institutions, including private schools, public school districts, public charter schools, public colleges and universities, and private colleges and universities.

Senate Bill 49, which was also signed by the governor on June 7, establishes the "Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act." The act prohibits health care providers from performing gender transition surgeries on or prescribing hormones or drugs for the purposes of gender transition to Missouri children under the age of 18.

The SAFE Act also bars MO HealthNet, Missouri's Medicaid program, from providing payment for gender transition surgeries, cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs for the purpose of gender transition. Health care services provided to incarcerated individuals in Missouri prisons, jails and correction centers will not include elective gender transition surgeries. These provisions ensure Missouri taxpayer dollars are not spent on elective gender transition procedures.

Truly Agreed To & Finally Passed

The legislation listed below are some of the most significant measures approved and sent to the governor's desk this year. [Click here](#) for a complete list of Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed bills. If you have any questions, please contact my office.



Farmers, Agriculture & Rural Missouri

Helping Missouri's loggers, cattle ranchers and farmers stay competitive in today's global economy.

Senate Bill 25 – Signed by the governor on June 7. Authorizes a 100% income tax deduction for federal grant money received by taxpayers to provide or expand access to broadband internet in underserved areas of the state.

Senate Bill 138 – Includes multiple provisions related to agriculture. Increases annual limits for ethanol and biodiesel incentives; Provides tax credits for beginning farmers; Creates the "Flood Resiliency Act" to address flooding on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

Further Protecting Our Children

Providing life-saving policies to keep kids safe.

Senate Bill 28 – Addresses aspects of the Office of Child Advocate, disclosure of complainant identities to law enforcement, fees to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Rap Back Program, personal privacy protection, birth certificates for victims of domestic violence and the disclosure of records involving children receiving childcare or state program services.

Senate Bill 40 – Streamlines the vetting process for individuals working with children, keeping kids safer; Eliminates the waiting period for updating criminal history records; Mandates state criminal history background checks for individuals enrolling in courses on school property; Modifies background check requirements for child placement agencies.

Equipping Our First Responders

Historic steps to ensure Missouri's first responders have access to mental health services, employment protections and other resources needed to keep our state safe.

Senate Bill 20 – Allows the General Assembly and county governing bodies to appropriate funds for the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund and authorizes the board of the Sheriffs' Retirement System to accept gifts, donations, grants and bequests for the fund from public or private sources.

Senate Bill 24 – Includes multiple provisions related to vulnerable persons; Indexes tax credits for adoption to adjust for inflation and removes the annual cap; Classifies post-traumatic stress disorder among first responders as an occupational disease eligible for workers' compensation.

Senate Bill 157 – Allows first responders to obtain and administer opioid overdose reversal drugs; Removes the limit on grant awards for the Nursing Education Incentive Program; grants additional authority to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Adopts interstate compacts for medical licensure and the practice of professional counselors and social workers; Creates several health-related advisory committees; Establishes a grant and loan program for health care professionals; Authorizes Missouri's participation in a voluntary registry of Parkinson's disease patients.

Senate Bill 186 – Enacts multiple provisions related to public safety, police officers and first responders; Strengthens procedures for responding to children missing from foster care.

Tough on Crime

Support for those who keep our communities safe.

Senate Bill 189 – Expands public safety measures by enabling the sharing of information, establishing a conviction review unit, updating mental health services, addressing parole eligibility for juveniles and implementing Blair's Law to enhance penalties for celebratory gunfire, among other provisions.

Economic Development

Having a dynamic and strong economy is the basis of any thriving civilization.

Senate Bill 94 – Includes the "Show Mo Act," which reauthorizes tax incentives for motion film production in Missouri, and the "Entertainment Industry Jobs Act," which provides tax credits for expenses related to developing musical performances at Missouri stage rehearsal facilities.

Accessing Medical Care

All Missourians have a right to quality, affordable health care.

Senate Bill 45 – Expands MO HealthNet coverage for low-income postpartum women to one year following childbirth; Establishes transitional benefits for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Senate Bill 51 – Allows access to physical therapy without a physician's prescription.

Senate Bill 70 – Modifies professional licensing provisions related to physicians, mental health counselors, social workers, physical therapists and others.

Fiscal Year 2024 State Operating Budget - \$48.789 Billion

Each year, the Missouri General Assembly is required to pass a balanced state operating budget for the next fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. On May 5, the General Assembly sent a \$48.789 billion budget, the largest in state history, to the governor for consideration. This year's budget, which is subject to the governor's line item veto authority, addresses many Missourians' top concerns.

The General Assembly approved record investments in workforce development and education programs, reinforcing Missouri's commitment to working families and job creators. The budget includes \$9.8 billion to fully fund the foundation formula for K-12 schools and support school transportation. Additionally, the budget provides a further \$1.4 billion for higher education to help develop a highly skilled workforce with the knowledge and skills needed to meet the demands of a rapidly changing economy, attracting businesses and creating job opportunities in Missouri.

WHERE THE \$ GOES

- 1 **Judiciary & Public Defender - \$357,367,923**
- 2 **Corrections - \$951,544,831**
- 3 **All Other Agencies - \$1,187,487,276**

Includes Revenue, National Guard, Elected Officials, General Assembly and Statewide Real Estate

- 4 **Public Safety - \$1,283,632,465**
- 5 **Economic Development, Labor & Insurance - \$1,313,854,686**
- 6 **Higher Education & Workforce Development - \$1,477,027,053**
- 7 **Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources - \$1,484,587,770**
- 8 **Employee Benefits - \$1,513,143,716**
- 9 **Office of Administration - \$2,071,948,828**
- 10 **Health & Senior Services - \$2,923,961,983**
- 11 **Transportation - \$4,113,737,904**
- 12 **Mental Health - \$4,233,928,712**
- 13 **Elementary & Secondary Education - \$9,834,999,794**
- 14 **Social Services - \$16,041,782,676**



Medicaid continues to account for a large share of the budget at about 40 cents of every dollar.

Funding Secured for the Kansas City Area

The Kansas City area will receive funds for several high priority infrastructure, capital improvement and health care projects, including:

- **\$300 million** to construct a psychiatric hospital to replace the Center for Behavioral Medicine
- **\$50 million** to prepare for the 2026 FIFA World Cup
- **\$30 million** for Port Authority improvements

Funding Sen. Cierpiot was proud to help secure for the 8th Senatorial District includes:

- **\$8,000** for the Lone Jack Police Department
- **\$250,000** for the Youth Build Works Program
- **\$376,571** for the Lone Jack Fire Protection District
- **\$6,727,827** for the MSHP Troop A Project

Legislators took decisive action to rebuild the state's vital transportation infrastructure, approving historic funding of more than \$2.8 billion to add additional lanes to Interstate 70 from St. Louis to Kansas City. Funding will also provide environmental studies regarding future expansion of I-44 that will have a generational impact on Missouri's economic growth and quality of life by creating jobs, increasing connectivity and boosting commerce.

