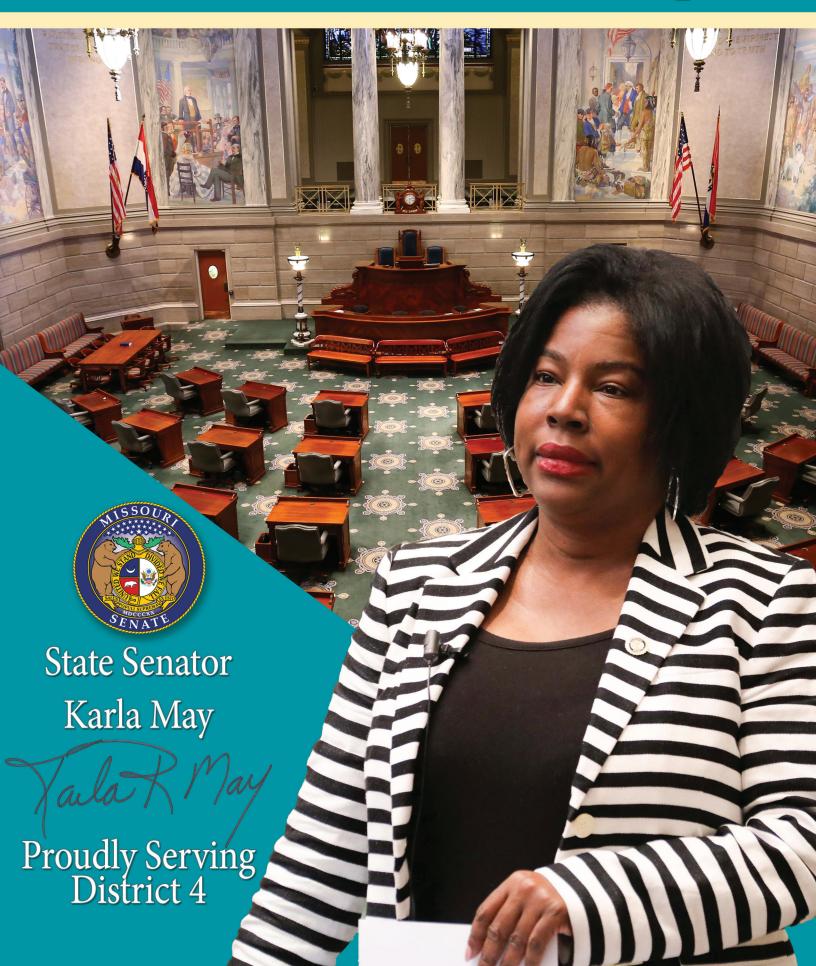
# 2023 End of Session Report



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Earlier this year, I once again took the oath of office to serve the great people of the 4th Senatorial District. I am humbled by your trust in me to continue representing you in the Missouri Senate. I remain a steadfast advocate for your voice in state government and I am thankful for your support.

This year, there were attempts to disrupt the Senate's business and stifle progress. Despite these interruptions, I was able to pass several of my legislative priorities and send them to the governor's desk. I believe these proposals will improve our state and ultimately improve the lives of the residents of the 4th District.

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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## LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



# State Agency Dollars Appropriated for the 4th Senatorial District

Senator May was proud to fight for these investment dollars in the 4th Senatorial District.

**Economic Development - \$1,250,000** 

Higher Education and Workforce Development - \$6,000,000

**Social Services - \$10,100,000** 

**Humanities Council - \$2,200,000** 

Capital Improvements - \$28,000,000

ARPA - \$19,542,652

Total - \$67,092,652

### **Truly Agreed and Finally Passed**

Each of the following bills were signed into law by the governor on July 6.

**Senate Bill 34** would allow school districts to offer elective social studies courses relating to the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament of the Bible and the New Testament of the Bible. These courses would focus on the historical, political and cultural impact, as well as the literary styles of these texts. This bill requires that any course must follow applicable laws maintaining religious neutrality and not endorse, favor, promote or show hostility to any particular religion, nonreligious faith or religious perspective.

**Senate Bill 35** would give individuals who are behind on child support payments and lose their driver's license or professional license as a result the opportunity to have an evidentiary hearing to determine if the suspension of the license should remain. This legislation provides an opportunity for the individual to submit evidence or cause for their missed payments. A judge can then decide if the suspension should remain.

**Senate Bill 103** contains Sen. May's **Senate Bill 372**, which would repeal the surcharge for petitions for expungement. Senate Bill 103 modifies the expiration dates for provisions relating to court automation, including expanding the number of members on the Court Automation Committee and extending the expiration dates for provisions relating to court automation.

**Senate Bill 186** contains Sen. May's **Senate Bill 120**, which would establish post-traumatic stress disorder as an occupational disease for first responders, and **Senate Bill 626**, which would change the residency requirement for law enforcement officers and public safety employees of St. Louis City hired after Aug. 31, 2023, and change it to those hired after Aug. 31, 2028, adding that any employee of St. Louis City hired prior to Sept. 1, 2028, will not be subject to a residency requirement.

### **Victory Through Defeat**

Senator May was proud to oppose and defeat several bills that would have been bad for the residents, families and businesses of St. Louis.

House Joint Resolution
43 – FAILED. This resolution would have made it harder for voters to pass things at the ballot box through Initiative Petitions. In Missouri, when the Legislature is unable to pass an issue, voters can gather signatures and put items directly on the ballot through the Initiative Petition process. This process has been beneficial to the citizens of Missouri in the past.

House Bill 702 - FAILED.

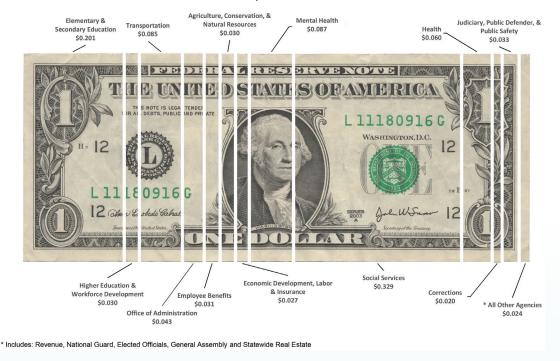
This bill would have made it possible for the state of Missouri to overturn the will of the voters by taking away local control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. St. Louis City residents voted in 2012 to regain local control of the department and their vote should be respected.

House Bill 301 – FAILED.

This bill would have allowed the governor to appoint a special prosecutor to oversee the Circuit Attorney's Office. While the City of St. Louis needs its top prosecutor to be held accountable, granting authority to the governor could be seen as overruling the will of the people.

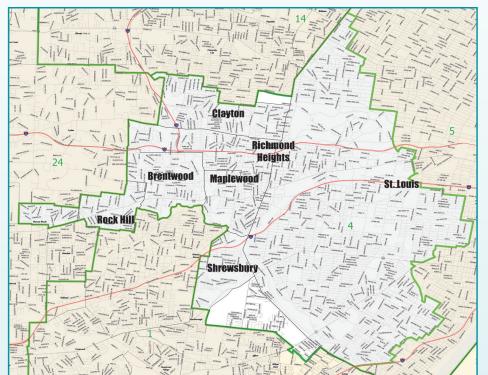
#### DISTRIBUTION OF EACH DOLLAR FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET

All Funds: \$48.579 Billion

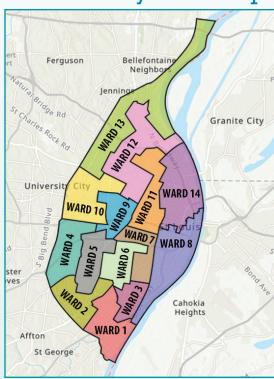


#### **Newly Drawn District Maps**

#### 4th Senatorial District



#### St. Louis City Ward Map



City Wards in the 4th Senatorial District: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and parts of 3, 7, 9, 10 and 13.

Townships in the 4th Senatorial District: Richmond Heights, Clayton, Hatley, Shrewsbury, Jefferson and Gravois.