



STATE SENATOR
**RUSTY
BLACK**

REPRESENTING THE
12TH DISTRICT IN THE
MISSOURI SENATE



2024 **END OF
SESSION
REPORT**

SB 1111: A Renewed Commitment to Our Children

There were a few childcare bills that made their way through the legislative process this year, including **Senate Bill 1111**, which has two provisions in it.

First, SB 1111 would allow for medically complex children who are currently receiving private nursing services through Medicaid to receive that same treatment in a daycare setting, so long as the daycare agrees to participate in this program. This would allow parents the opportunity to go back to work, nurses to assist more than one child and the child to socialize with others' children within the daycare.

Moreover, SB 1111 includes a provision that

would increase the number of before and after-school programs while keeping youth safe when their parents are at work. It would also expand physical space licensing exemptions for programs serving only school-age youth.

Senate Bill 1111 is among Sen. Black's most important pieces of legislation, not only as a Missouri senator, but including his time in the Missouri House of Representatives.



HB 1495: Taking Care of Our Veterans



House Bill 1495 requires the Missouri Veterans Commission to review the provisions of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019. It adds the commission, in collaboration with the

Missouri Department of Mental Health, must provide recommendations and make efforts to adopt procedures, programs, treatment options, additional aid and any other assistance deemed necessary by the commission to assist in the efforts to prevent veteran suicide.

Senator Black has always prioritized doing all he can to help our state's veterans, especially with concerns over the rising suicide rate among our veterans, not only in Missouri, but throughout the country. House Bill 1495 could go a long way toward curbing these tragedies and the toll they take on both veterans and their families alike.

SJR 71: Helping Our County Sheriffs

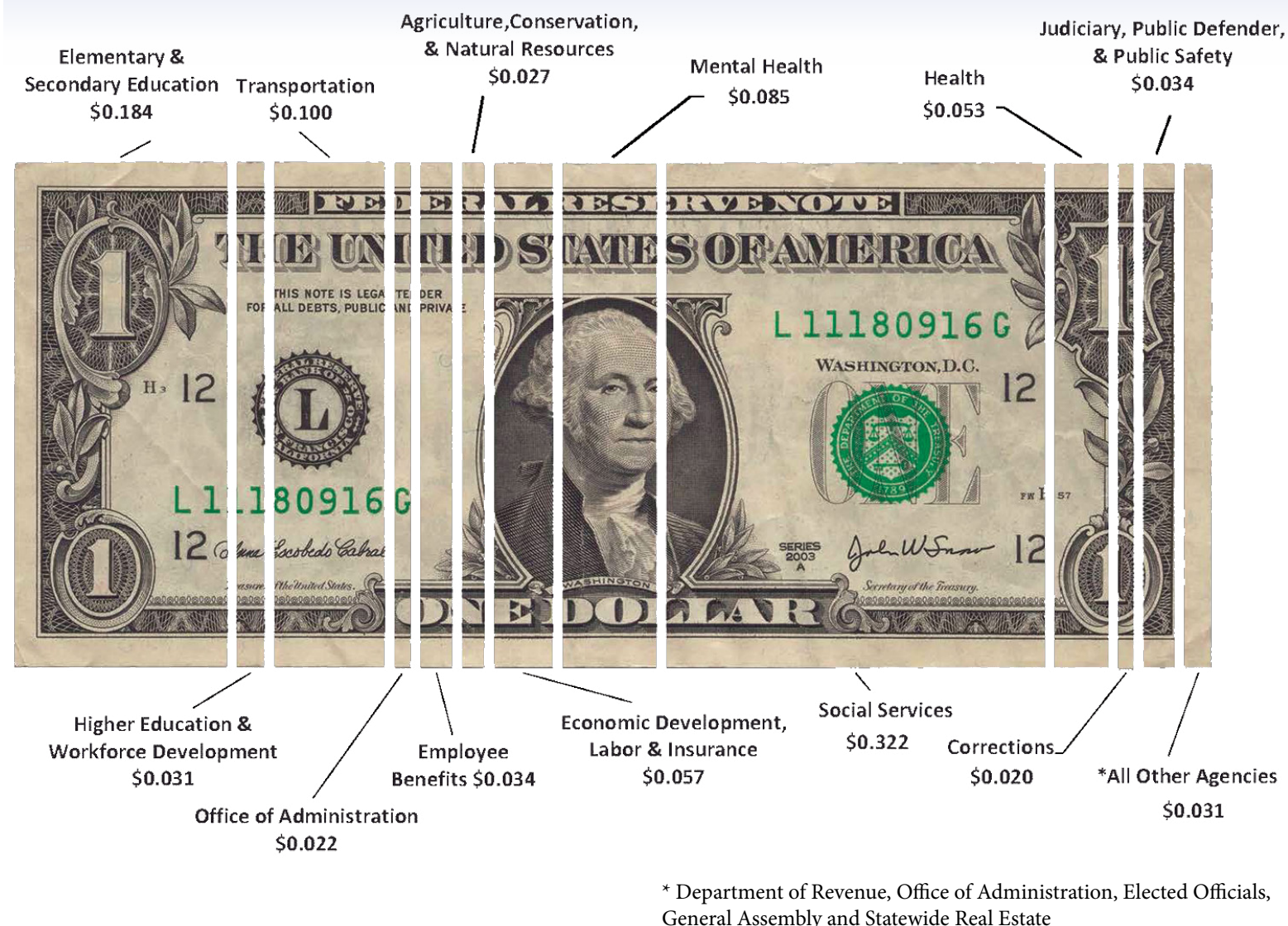
In 2021, a significant decision was reached when the Missouri Supreme Court delivered its ruling on *Fowler v. MO Sheriff's Retirement System*. The court declared the surcharge, intended to support the Sheriff's Retirement System, was not deemed "reasonably related to the administration of justice" and consequently violated the Missouri Constitution. This verdict has injected a wave of stress and

uncertainty into the law enforcement community, as the retirement fund faces rapid depletion. Responding to the urgency of the situation, the Missouri General Assembly implemented a temporary fix in 2023 by appropriating \$2.5 million to the fund from the budget, all while efforts were made to pass a more permanent solution through legislation.

This year, Sen. Black sponsored **Senate Joint Resolution 71**, which should tackle this issue head on. Senate Joint Resolution 71 asks voters to place in the state's constitution language that says sheriffs play a crucial role in the administration of justice, thereby rectifying the current predicament and ensuring a robust retirement fund for sheriffs as they approach the end of their careers.

The Fiscal Year 2025 State Operating Budget

FISCAL YEAR 2025 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET All Funds: \$47.481 Billion



FY 25 Budget: Highlights for the 12th Senatorial District

- Foundation Formula...\$161,184,341
- North Central Community College...\$4,947,633
- Northwest Missouri State University...\$38,756,580
- Highway 36 to I-72 Engineering Study...\$2,500,000
- Route BB improvements in Cameron...\$1,000,000
- Veterans Home in Cameron...\$17,002,191
- Cameron Regional Medical Center...\$1,761,000



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Senator Rusty Black's 2024 End of Session Report

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- Details on Sen. Black's signature legislation for 2024, **Senate Bill 1111**
- Learn about **Senate Joint Resolution 71** and how it pertains to you
- A look at Missouri's **Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget**



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