

Journal of the Senate

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

FIFTY-FIRST DAY - MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

"See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9b NIV)

Almighty God, as Your Son rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on a donkey to signify that He was coming to bring peace, may our efforts here in the Senate also bring peace to our state and all who live here. Grant us wisdom to lead with courage and integrity, and guide our discussions to lead us towards unity and peace. We ask this in Your Holy Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

A quorum being established, the Senate proceeded with its business.

The Journal for Thursday, April 10, 2025, was read and approved.

The following Senators were present during the day's proceedings:

Present—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery
Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Coleman—1

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 358, regarding Addison Bjorn, Riverside, which was adopted.

Senator Fitzwater offered Senate Resolution No. 359, regarding Kaylin Conner, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 360, regarding Roger Wibbenmeyer, Perryville, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 361, regarding Grace R. Lloyd, Ellington, which was adopted.

Senator Bernskoetter offered Senate Resolution No. 362, regarding Queens United Leadership Academy, Inc., Jefferson City, which was adopted.

Senator Williams offered Senate Resolution No. 363, regarding the North County Agriculture Center, St. Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 364, regarding Alex Rodriguez, Parkville, which was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 365, regarding Karen Mitchell, Platte City, which was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 366, regarding Dr. Drew White, Platte City, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 367, regarding Virginia Watson, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 368, regarding Dawn Tutor, Poplar Bluff, which was adopted.

Senator Nurrenbern offered Senate Resolution No. 369, regarding Megan Espeland, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Nurrenbern offered Senate Resolution No. 370, regarding Abigail Roberts, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Mosely offered Senate Resolution No. 371, regarding Amber Tyson, St. Louis, which was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Bernskoetter, Chair of the Committee on Fiscal Oversight, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Fiscal Oversight, to which were referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 80**, **SS** for **SJR 46**, and **SS** for **SB 120**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bills and joint resolution do pass.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

The following Bill was read the 2nd time and referred to the Committee indicated:

HCS for **HB 5**—Appropriations.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages were received from the Governor, reading of which was waived:

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 10, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Justin L. Arnold, 1008 East Dade 142, Dadeville, Dade County, Missouri 65635, as a member of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, for a term ending October 3, 2026, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Paul Williams, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 10, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Christopher A. DiGiuseppi, 320 Crystal Brook Court, Lake St. Louis, St. Charles, Missouri 63367, as a member of the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission, for a term ending October 3, 2027, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Michael A. Wiegand, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 10, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Erik G. Holland, 6748 Creekside Drive, Parkville, Platte County, Missouri 64152, as a member of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, for a term ending October 3, 2026, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Mark Owen, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 10, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Jennifer D. Zimmerman, 6206 Northeast 120th Street, Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri 64166, as a member of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, for a term ending October 3, 2025, and until her successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Edward Clark, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 14, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Michael Matousek, Republican, 10603 North Dalton Avenue, Kansas City, Platte County, Missouri 64154, as a member of the State Board of Education, for a term ending July 1, 2028, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Charlie Shields, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 14, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Kenneth Brooks Miller Jr., Republican, 164 Resplander Circle, Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079, as a member of the State Board of Education, for a term ending July 1, 2029, and until his successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified; vice, Don Claycomb, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 14, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Jon Otto, Independent, 1901 East 60th Street, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri 64130, as a member of the State Board of Education, for a term ending July 1, 2030, and until his successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified; vice, Carol Hallquist, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 14, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Thomas Prater, Independent, 1133 South Weller Avenue, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri 65804, as a member of the State Board of Education, for a term ending July 1, 2031, and until his successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified; vice, Peter Herschend, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred the above appointments to the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 80, introduced by Senator Gregory (21), entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80

An Act to repeal sections 67.3000, 67.3005, and 173.280, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to sports.

Was taken up.

Pursuant to Rule 91, Senator Luetkemeyer excused himself from voting on the 3rd reading of **SS for SCS for SB 80**.

On motion of Senator Gregory (21), **SS for SCS for SB 80** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Burger
Cierpiot	Crawford	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough	Lewis
May	McCreery	Mosley	Nurrenbern	O’Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—26		

NAYS—Senators

Brown (26)	Carter	Fitzwater	Hudson	Moon	Nicola—6
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Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Coleman—1

Vacancies—None

Excused from voting—Senator Luetkemeyer—1

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Gregory (21), title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Gregory (21) moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

SS for SJR 46, introduced by Senator Carter, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 6 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to a property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Carter, **SS** for **SJR 46** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery
Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Williams—32			

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Webber—1

Absent with leave—Senator Coleman—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the joint resolution passed.

On motion of Senator Carter, title to the joint resolution was agreed to.

Senator Carter moved that the vote by which the joint resolution passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

SS for **SB 120**, introduced by Senator Bean, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 120

An Act to repeal sections 68.080, 226.150, 226.200, 226.220, 640.220, and 643.350, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to the expenditure of moneys in certain funds by state departments.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Bean, **SS** for **SB 120** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Burger
Cierpiot	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough
Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery	Mosley	O'Laughlin
Roberts	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—28

NAYS—Senators

Brown (26)	Carter	Moon	Nicola	Nurrenbern—5
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Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Coleman—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Bean, title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Bean moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Carter moved that **SJR 40**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SJR 40**, entitled:

**SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40**

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article VII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to sheriffs.

Was taken up.

Senator Carter moved that **SCS** for **SJR 40** be adopted.

Senator Fitzwater assumed the Chair.

Senator Carter offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SJR 40**, entitled:

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40**

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article VII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to sheriffs.

Senator Carter moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SJR 40** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Carter, **SS** for **SCS** for **SJR 40** was declared perfected and ordered printed.

At the request of Senator Bernskoetter, **SB 104**, with **SCS**, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Black moved that **SB 271**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 271**, entitled:

**SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 271**

An Act to repeal section 321.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to fire protection ordinances, with penalty provisions.

Was taken up.

Senator Black moved that **SCS** for **SB 271** be adopted.

Senator Black offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 271**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 271

An Act to repeal sections 144.757, 190.101, 321.220, 321.552, 321.554, and 321.556, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to emergency services, with penalty provisions.

Senator Black moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 271** be adopted.

Senator Bernskoetter offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 271, Page 5, Section 144.757, Line 116, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“190.053. 1. All members of the board of directors of an ambulance district first elected on or after January 1, 2008, shall attend and complete an educational seminar or conference or other suitable training on the role and duties of a board member of an ambulance district. The training required under this section shall be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services. Such training shall include, at a minimum:

- (1) Information relating to the roles and duties of an ambulance district director;
- (2) A review of all state statutes and regulations relevant to ambulance districts;
- (3) State ethics laws;
- (4) State sunshine laws, chapter 610;
- (5) Financial and fiduciary responsibility;
- (6) State laws relating to the setting of tax rates; and
- (7) State laws relating to revenue limitations.

2. [If any ambulance district board member fails to attend a training session within twelve months after taking office, the board member shall not be compensated for attendance at meetings thereafter until the board member has completed such training session. If any ambulance district board member fails to attend a training session within twelve months of taking office regardless of whether the board member received an attendance fee for a training session, the board member shall be ineligible to run for reelection for another term of office until the board member satisfies the training requirement of this section; however, this requirement shall only apply to board members elected after August 28, 2022] **All members of the board of directors of an ambulance district shall complete three hours of continuing education for each term of office. The continuing education shall be offered by a statewide association**

organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services.

3. Any ambulance district board member who fails to complete the initial training and continuing education requirements on or before the anniversary date of his or her election or appointment shall immediately be disqualified from office and his or her position shall be vacant without further process or declaration. The vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for pursuant to section 190.052.

190.076. Each ambulance district shall arrange for an audit of the records and accounts of the district at least every three years by a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants. The audit shall be made available to the public on the district's website or otherwise freely available by other electronic means.”; and

Further amend said bill, page 8, section 190.101, line 114, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“190.109. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable time after receipt of an application, cause such investigation as the department deems necessary to be made of the applicant for a ground ambulance license.

2. Any person that owned and operated a licensed ambulance on December 31, 1997, shall receive an ambulance service license from the department, unless suspended, revoked or terminated, for that ambulance service area which was, on December 31, 1997, described and filed with the department as the primary service area for its licensed ambulances on August 28, 1998, provided that the person makes application and adheres to the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

3. The department shall issue a new ground ambulance service license to an ambulance service that is not currently licensed by the department, or is currently licensed by the department and is seeking to expand its ambulance service area, except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, to be valid for a period of five years, unless suspended, revoked or terminated, when the director finds that the applicant meets the requirements of ambulance service licensure established pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245 and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. In order to be considered for a new ambulance service license, an ambulance service shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement from each ambulance district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, or from each municipality not within an ambulance district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, in which the ambulance service proposes to operate. If an ambulance service proposes to operate in unincorporated portions of a county not within an ambulance district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, in order to be considered for a new ambulance service license, the ambulance service shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement from the county. Any letter of endorsement required pursuant to this section shall verify that the political subdivision has conducted a public hearing regarding the endorsement and that the governing body of the political subdivision has adopted a resolution approving the endorsement. The letter of endorsement shall affirmatively state that the proposed ambulance service:

- (1) Will provide a benefit to public health that outweighs the associated costs;

- (2) Will maintain or enhance the public's access to ambulance services;
- (3) Will maintain or improve the public health and promote the continued development of the regional emergency medical service system;
- (4) Has demonstrated the appropriate expertise in the operation of ambulance services; and
- (5) Has demonstrated the financial resources necessary for the operation of the proposed ambulance service.

4. A contract between a political subdivision and a licensed ambulance service for the provision of ambulance services for that political subdivision shall expand, without further action by the department, the ambulance service area of the licensed ambulance service to include the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision. The termination of the aforementioned contract shall result in a reduction of the licensed ambulance service's ambulance service area by removing the geographic area of the political subdivision from its ambulance service area, except that licensed ambulance service providers may provide ambulance services as are needed at and around the state fair grounds for protection of attendees at the state fair.

5. The department shall renew a ground ambulance service license if the applicant meets the requirements established pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

6. The department shall promulgate rules relating to the requirements for a ground ambulance service license including, but not limited to:

- (1) Vehicle design, specification, operation and maintenance standards;
- (2) Equipment requirements;
- (3) Staffing requirements;
- (4) Five-year license renewal;
- (5) Records and forms;
- (6) Medical control plans;
- (7) Medical director qualifications;
- (8) Standards for medical communications;
- (9) Memorandums of understanding with emergency medical response agencies that provide advanced life support;
- (10) Quality improvement committees; [and]
- (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards;
- (12) Participation with regional emergency medical services advisory committees; and**
- (13) Ambulance service administrator qualifications.**

7. Application for a ground ambulance service license shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a determination as to whether the ground ambulance service meets all the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

190.112. 1. Each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall identify to the department the individual serving as the ambulance service administrator who is responsible for the operations and staffing of the ambulance service. The ambulance service administrator shall be required to have achieved basic training of at least forty hours regarding the operations of an ambulance service and two hours of annual continuing education. The training required under this section shall be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services and shall include the following:

- (1) Basic principles of accounting and economics;**
- (2) State and federal laws applicable to ambulance services;**
- (3) Regulatory requirements applicable to ambulance services;**
- (4) Human resources management and laws;**
- (5) Grant writing, contracts, and fundraising;**
- (6) State sunshine laws in chapter 610, as well as applicable ethics requirements; and**
- (7) Volunteer and community involvement.**

2. Ambulance service administrators serving in this capacity as of August 28, 2025, shall have until January 1, 2026, to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this section.

190.166. 1. In addition to the provisions of section 190.165, the department of health and senior services may refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license required pursuant to section 190.109, or take other corrective actions as described in this section, based on the following considerations:

- (1) The license holder is determined to be financially insolvent;**
- (2) The ambulance service has inadequate personnel to operate the ambulance service to provide basic emergency operations. The ambulance service shall not be deemed to have such inadequate personnel as long as the ambulance service staffs to meet the needs of its emergency call volume. Smaller ambulance services shall have the ability to staff a minimum of one ambulance unit twenty-four hours each day, seven days each week, with at least two licensed emergency medical technicians, and have a reasonable plan and schedule for the services of a second ambulance unit;**
- (3) The ambulance service requires an inordinate amount of mutual aid from neighboring services, such as more than ten percent of the total runs in the service area in any given month, or than would be considered prudent and thus cannot provide an appropriate level of emergency response for the service area as would be considered prudent by the typical ground ambulance services operator;**

(4) The principal manager, board members, or other executives are determined to be criminally liable for actions related to the license or service provided;

(5) The license holder or principal manager, board members, or other executives are determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be ineligible for participation in Medicare;

(6) The license holder or principal manager, board members, or other executives are determined by the MO HealthNet division to be ineligible for participation in MO HealthNet;

(7) The ambulance service administrator has failed to meet the required qualifications or failed to complete the training required pursuant to section 190.112; and

(8) Three or more board members have failed to complete required training pursuant to section 190.053 if the ambulance service is an ambulance district.

2. If the department makes a determination of insolvency or insufficiency of operations of a license holder under subsection 1 of this section, then the department may require the license holder to submit a corrective plan within fifteen days and require implementation of the corrective plan within thirty days.

3. The department shall be required to provide notice of any determination by the department of insolvency or insufficiency of operations of a license holder to other license holders operating in the license holder's vicinity, members of the general assembly who represent the license holder's service area, the governing officials of any county or municipal entity in the license holder's service area, the appropriate regional emergency medical services advisory committee, and the state advisory council on emergency medical services.

4. The department shall immediately engage with other license holders in the area to determine the extent to which ground ambulance service may be provided to the affected service area during the time in which the license holder is unable to provide adequate services, including any long-term service arrangements. The nature of the agreement between the license holder and other license holders providing services to the affected area may include an agreement to provide services, a joint powers agreement, formal consideration, or some payment for services rendered.

5. Any license holder who provides assistance in the service area of another license holder whose license has been suspended under this section shall have the right to seek reasonable compensation from the license holder whose license to operate has been suspended for all calls, stand-by time, and responses to medical emergencies during such time as the license remains suspended. The reasonable compensation shall not be limited to those expenses incurred in actual responses, but may also include reasonable expenses to maintain ambulance service, including, but not limited to, the daily operation costs of maintaining the service, personnel wages and benefits, equipment purchases and maintenance, and other costs incurred in the operation of a ground ambulance service. The license holder providing assistance shall be entitled to an award of costs and reasonable attorney fees in any action to enforce the provisions of this subsection.

197.135. 1. Beginning January 1, 2023, or no later than six months after the establishment of the statewide telehealth network under section 192.2520, whichever is later, any hospital licensed under this

chapter shall perform a forensic examination using an evidentiary collection kit upon the request and consent of the victim of a sexual offense, or the victim's guardian, when the victim is at least fourteen years of age. In the case of minor consent, the provisions of subsection 2 of section 595.220 shall apply. Victims under fourteen years of age shall be referred, and victims fourteen years of age or older but less than eighteen years of age may be referred, to a SAFE CARE provider, as such term is defined in section 334.950, for medical or forensic evaluation and case review. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to preclude a hospital from performing a forensic examination for a victim under fourteen years of age upon the request and consent of the victim or victim's guardian, subject to the provisions of section 595.220 and the rules promulgated by the department of public safety.

2. (1) An appropriate medical provider, as such term is defined in section 595.220, shall perform the forensic examination of a victim of a sexual offense. The hospital shall ensure that any provider performing the examination has received training conducting such examinations that is, at a minimum, equivalent to the training offered by the statewide telehealth network under subsection 4 of section 192.2520. Nothing in this section shall require providers to utilize the training offered by the statewide telehealth network, as long as the training utilized is, at a minimum, equivalent to the training offered by the statewide telehealth network.

(2) If the provider is not a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE), or another similarly trained physician or nurse, then the hospital shall utilize telehealth services during the examination, such as those provided by the statewide telehealth network, to provide guidance and support through a SANE, or other similarly trained physician or nurse, who may observe the live forensic examination and who shall communicate with and support the onsite provider with the examination, forensic evidence collection, and proper transmission and storage of the examination evidence.

3. The department of health and senior services may issue a waiver of the telehealth requirements of subsection 2 of this section if the hospital demonstrates to the department, in writing, a technological hardship in accessing telehealth services or a lack of access to adequate broadband services sufficient to access telehealth services. Such waivers shall be granted sparingly and for no more than a year in length at a time, with the opportunity for renewal at the department's discretion.

4. The department shall waive the requirements of this section if the statewide telehealth network established under section 192.2520 ceases operation, the director of the department of health and senior services has provided written notice to hospitals licensed under this chapter that the network has ceased operation, and the hospital cannot, in good faith, comply with the requirements of this section without assistance or resources of the statewide telehealth network. Such waiver shall remain in effect until such time as the statewide telehealth network resumes operation or until the hospital is able to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this section without the assistance or resources of the statewide telehealth network.

5. The provisions of section 595.220 shall apply to the reimbursement of the reasonable costs of the examinations and the provision of the evidentiary collection kits.

6. No individual hospital shall be required to comply with the provisions of this section and section 192.2520 unless and until the department provides such hospital with access to the statewide telehealth network for the purposes of mentoring and training services required under section 192.2520 without charge to the hospital.

7. A specialty hospital shall be considered exempt from the provisions of this section and section 192.2520 if such hospital has a policy for the transfer of a victim of a sexual offense to an appropriate hospital with an emergency department. As used in this section, “specialty hospital” shall mean a hospital licensed under this chapter and designated by the department as something other than a general acute care hospital.”; and

Further amend said bill, page 20, section 321.556, line 40, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“537.038. Any person may, without compensation, render emergency care or assistance at the scene of an emergency or accident and shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions other than damages occasioned by gross negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions by such person in rendering such emergency care.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Bernskoetter moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Roberts offered SA 2:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 271, Page 1, Section 64.003, Line 6, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“87.140. 1. The general administration and the responsibility for the proper operation of the retirement system shall be vested in a board of trustees of nine persons. The board shall be constituted as follows:

(1) The chief of the fire department of the city, ex officio;

(2) The comptroller or deputy comptroller of the city, ex officio;

(3) Two members to be appointed by the mayor of the city to serve for a term of two years;

(4) Three members to be elected by the members of the retirement system for a term of three years who shall be members of the system and hold office only while members of the system;

(5) Two members who shall be retired firemen to be elected by the retired firemen of the city and who shall hold office for a term of three years.

2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of trustee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the office was previously filled.

3. The trustees shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed from the expense fund for all necessary expenses which they may incur through service on the board.

4. Each trustee shall, within ten days after his appointment or election, take an oath of office before the clerk of circuit court of the city, that, so far as it devolves upon him, he will diligently and honestly administer the affairs of the board and that he will not knowingly violate or willingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of the law applicable to the retirement system. The oath shall be subscribed to by the member making it and certified by the clerk of circuit court and filed in his office.

5. Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote on the board. Five votes shall be necessary for a decision by the trustees at any meeting of the board.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of sections 87.120 to 87.371 to the contrary, the board of trustees of the retirement system shall not be prevented from simultaneously acting as the trustees of any other pension plan that provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for firefighters employed by any city not within a county and their covered dependents. The administration of the other pension plan shall be in accordance with the terms of such pension plan. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the board of alderman of a city not within a county from adopting ordinances to govern the pensioning of firefighters and their covered dependents in any other pension plan simultaneously administered by the board of trustees of the retirement system.

87.145. The board of trustees shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in all matters relating to or affecting the funds herein provided for, including, in addition to all other matters, all claims for benefits and refunds under this law, and its action, decision or determination in any matter shall be reviewable under chapter 536 only, and any party to the proceedings shall have a right of appeal from the decision of the reviewing court. Subject to the limitations of sections 87.120 to 87.370, the board of trustees shall, from time to time, establish rules and regulations for the administration of funds created by this law, for the transaction of its business, and for the limitation of the time within which claims may be filed. **The administration of any pension plan, other than the retirement system, includes the ability of the board of trustees, from time to time, to establish rules and regulations for the administration of funds of such other pension plan and for the transaction of such other pension plan's business. Nothing in this section shall prevent the board of alderman of a city not within a county from adopting ordinances to govern the pensioning of firefighters and their covered dependents in any other pension plan simultaneously administered by the board of trustees of the retirement system.**

87.155. 1. The board of trustees shall keep in convenient form such data as is necessary for actuarial valuation of the funds of the retirement system and for checking the experience of the system.

2. The board of trustees shall keep a record of all its proceedings which shall be open to public inspection. It shall publish annually a report showing the fiscal transactions of the retirement system for the preceding fiscal year, the amount of the accumulated cash and securities of the system, and the last balance sheet showing the financial condition of the system by means of an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the retirement system.

3. To the extent the board of trustees administers a pension plan other than the retirement system, the board of trustees shall maintain separate records of all proceedings of such other pension plan.

87.260. The board of trustees of the firefighters' retirement system shall have the exclusive authority and discretion to invest and reinvest the funds in property of any kind, real or personal. The board of trustees shall invest and manage the fund as a prudent investor would, by considering the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the firefighters' retirement system. In satisfying this standard, the board of trustees shall exercise reasonable care, skill, and caution. No trustee shall have any interest as a trustee in the gains or profits made on any investment, except benefits from interest in investments common to all members of the plan, if entitled thereto. **To the extent the board of trustees administers a pension plan other than the retirement system, the board of trustees shall also have**

the authority and discretion to invest and reinvest the funds of such other pension plan in property of any kind, real or personal. The board of trustees may choose to invest the funds of the retirement system and the funds of the other pension plan in the same investments so long as the amounts invested and the gains, profits, or losses on such investments are accounted for separately. No benefits due to the firefighters or their covered dependents from the other pension plan shall be paid from the funds of the retirement system. Nothing in this section shall prevent the board of alderman of a city not within a county from adopting ordinances to govern the pensioning of firefighters and their covered dependents in any other pension plan simultaneously administered by the board of trustees of the retirement system.

87.350. The expense fund shall be the fund to which shall be credited all money provided to pay the administration expenses of the retirement system and from which shall be paid all the expenses necessary in connection with the administration and operation of the system. Annually the board of trustees shall estimate the amount of money necessary to be paid into the expense fund during the ensuing year to provide for the expense of operation of the retirement system. Such estimate shall be provided by the board of trustees from interest and other earnings on assets of the retirement system. **In no event shall any expenses, including administrative expenses, incurred by the board of trustees in the administration of any pension plan other than the retirement system or in the investment of any funds of any pension plan other than the retirement system be paid from the funds of the retirement system. Such expenses shall be paid entirely from the funds of the other pension plan.”;** and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Roberts moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Webber offered SA 3:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 271, Page 8, Section 190.101, Line 114, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“190.800. 1. Each ground ambulance service, except for any ambulance service owned and operated by [an entity owned and operated by the state of Missouri, including but not limited to any hospital owned or operated by the board of curators, as defined in chapter 172, or] any department of the state, shall, in addition to all other fees and taxes now required or paid, pay an ambulance service reimbursement allowance tax for the privilege of engaging in the business of providing ambulance services in this state.

2. For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) “Ambulance”, the same meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100;

(2) “Ambulance service”, the same meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100;

(3) “Engaging in the business of providing ambulance services in this state”, accepting payment for such services.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Webber moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Black moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 271**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Black, **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 271**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

At the request of Senator Black, **SB 217**, with **SCS**, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Burger moved that **SB 240** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Burger offered **SS** for **SB 240**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 240

An Act to repeal sections 64.231 and 251.034, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to planning boards.

Senator Burger moved that **SS** for **SB 240** be adopted.

Senator Nicola offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Bill No. 240, Page 2, Section 64.231, Line 39, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“251.032. **1.** The governor may authorize the department of economic development to make payments annually to the various legally created regional planning commissions, including East-West Gateway Coordinating Council and Mid-America Regional Council, from state funds appropriated for that purpose. Payments shall be scheduled as nearly as possible to be made on the first day of July of each fiscal year. No such moneys shall be paid to any council or commission which promotes or advocates the construction of a major airport facility in Illinois.

2. Any regional planning commission receiving payments from the department of economic development pursuant to sections 251.032 to 251.038 shall annually submit a report to the general assembly detailing each expenditure made using state funds.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no payments shall be made to any regional planning commission pursuant to sections 251.032 to 251.038 after December 31, 2028.”;
and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Nicola moved that the above amendment be adopted.

At the request of Senator Burger, **SB 240**, with **SS** and **SA 1** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Carter moved that **SB 360**, with **SS** and **SA 1** (pending), be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SA 1 was again taken up.

At the request of Senator Carter, **SS** for **SB 360** was withdrawn, rendering **SA 1** moot.

Senator Carter offered **SS No. 2** for **SB 360**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 360

An Act to repeal sections 160.518, 160.522, and 161.092, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to assessment of public elementary and secondary schools.

Senator Carter moved that **SS No. 2** for **SB 360** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Carter, **SS No. 2** for **SB 360** was declared perfected and ordered printed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Luetkemeyer, Chair of the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which was referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SJR 40**, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds that the joint resolution has been truly perfected and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives through its Chief Clerk:

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 47**.

Bill ordered enrolled.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 328**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 70.441, 571.030, 571.101, 571.104, 571.107, 571.111, 571.117, 571.205, 571.215, 571.225, 577.703, and 577.712, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirteen new sections relating to concealed carry permits, with penalty provisions.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 565**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 537.325, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to liability for equine or livestock activities.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HBs 516, 290, and 778**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 260.558, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the radioactive waste investigation fund.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HBs 735 and 686**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 104.200, 104.490, 104.1060, and 104.1092, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to public employee retirement benefits.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 56**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 332.081, 332.211, and 332.281, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixteen new sections relating to the dental professions.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 927**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 452.402, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to domestic relations.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 33**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to STEM career awareness.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 572**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 21.795, 68.080, 168.133, 226.096, 226.510, 226.540, 226.550, 229.130, 229.160, 229.210, 229.220, 229.222, 229.270, 229.420, 229.430, 229.440, 229.450, 238.060, 300.295, 301.010, 301.055, 301.070, 301.110, 301.130, 301.140, 301.142, 301.147, 301.448, 301.469, 301.558, 301.560, 301.570, 302.177, 302.272, 302.735, 304.035, 307.010, 307.350, and 643.315, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof forty-one new sections relating to transportation, with a contingent effective date.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 232**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 160.480, 160.660, 167.020, 167.022, 167.115, 167.117, 167.624, and 170.315, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eleven new sections relating to school safety.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 937**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapters 160 and 173, RSMo, by adding thereto five new sections relating to protections against discrimination in educational settings.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 1218**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 569.170, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the offense of burglary in the second degree, with penalty provisions.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 344**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 407.932, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to tobacco products.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 969**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 32.056, 301.020, 301.055, 301.070, 301.110, 301.130, 301.140, 301.142, 301.147, 301.190, 301.448, 301.469, 301.558, 301.560, 301.570, 307.350, 307.380, 407.1034, and 643.315, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-one new sections relating to motor vehicles, with a penalty provision and a contingent effective date.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 1298**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 192.2405 and 210.115, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to reporting of abuse and neglect, with penalty provisions.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 499**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 92, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to earnings tax opportunity zones.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HB 991**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to air ambulance memberships, with penalty provisions.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 37**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 227.503 and 227.781, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-two new sections relating to infrastructure.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS for HB 828**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 143.121 and 143.511, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the filing of income tax returns.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HB 199**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 107.170 and 513.455, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to contracts with public entities.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS for HBs 126 and 367**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 115.105, 115.107, 115.123, 115.125, 115.127, 115.277, 115.283, 115.284, 115.291, 115.351, 115.430, 115.453, 115.635, 115.646, 115.776, 115.904, and 531.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-six new sections relating to elections.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Luetkemeyer, Chair of the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which was referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 47**, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds that the bill has been duly enrolled and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Bernskoetter introduced to the Senate, Lineworkers of Ozark, Boone, Barton County, White River, United, Black River, Laclede, Three Rivers Electric Cooperatives; and the municipal utilities of Columbia, Independence, Waynesville, Willow Springs and Kennett.

Senator Burger introduced to the Senate, Ameren Missouri Lineworkers, Tim Wippler; Robbie Dawson; Brian Miner; Kyle Holder; Adam Rutz; Phil Barnowski; Brain Backes; Taylor Ruff; Lance Williams; Travis Fisher; Josh Thacker; and Brad Kearns.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

SENATE CALENDAR

FIFTY-SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

FORMAL CALENDAR

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SB 506-Schroer
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 HCS#2 for HBs 567, 546, 758 & 958 (Bernskoetter)
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 SB 45-Fitzwater and Carter
 SB 46-Trent and Coleman
 SBs 52 & 44-Schroer and Carter, with SCS,
 SS for SCS & SA 3 (pending)
 SB 54-Schroer, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 3
 (pending)
 SB 58-Carter and Moon, with SCS
 SB 62-Brown (26), with SCS
 SB 69-Henderson, with SS, SA 1 &
 SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)
 SB 77-Schnelting, et al, with SS, SA 1 &
 SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)

SB 84-Burger
 SB 87-Nicola, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 1
 (pending)
 SB 99-Crawford, with SCS
 SBs 101 & 64-Cierpiot, with SCS
 SB 104-Bernskoetter, with SCS
 SB 107-Brown (16) and Black, with SS (pending)
 SB 185-Cierpiot
 SB 190-Brown (16) and Gregory (21),
 with SS & SA 2 (pending)
 SBs 215 & 70-Trent, with SCS
 SB 217-Black, with SCS
 SB 223-Coleman
 SB 225-Coleman
 SB 230-Brown (26)
 SB 240-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)
 SB 485-Schroer and Schnelting
 SJR 62-Cierpiot

CONSENT CALENDAR

House Bills

Reported 4/10

HB 810-Baker, with SCS (Schnelting)

RESOLUTIONS

SR 18-May
SR 32-Moon

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