

# 2025

## Capitol Report



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### State Senator

## Mike Henderson

Dear friends and neighbors:

Thank you for your interest in the legislative process. I'm proud to highlight some of the many measures passed by the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly.

Lawmakers passed one of the strongest public safety packages in years, provided hardworking Missourians with some tax relief, took steps to reaffirm Missouri's pro-life values, made great strides towards expanding and enhancing education, and worked to protect our elections and the state Constitution.

The only remaining legislative activity scheduled for 2025 is the mandated veto session on Sept. 10.

A handwritten signature of Mike Henderson in black ink, written in a cursive style.

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# Legislative Successes

The 2025 legislative session yielded many successes for the people of Missouri.



During a productive First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly, lawmakers passed 54 bills we believe will make Missouri a better place to live, work and raise a family:

**Senate Bill 22** prevents judges from rewriting ballot issue summaries sent to voters.

**Senate Bill 63** allows home-schooled children to participate in their school district's sports and extracurricular activities.

**Senate Bill 150** helps students in career and technical training programs pay for tuition, books and fees. This bill includes provisions from my **Senate Bill 69**, which makes it easier for students to transfer college credits in several popular degree programs.

**Senate Bill 152** bans foreign governments and entities from funding or supporting ballot initiatives in Missouri.

**Senate Bill 160** protects student associations at public colleges from being denied campus access or benefits based on their political, ideological or religious beliefs.

If you'd like to see all the legislation passed by the General Assembly this session, visit [senate.mo.gov](https://senate.mo.gov).

On Jan. 8, I took the oath of office alongside nine fellow Senate freshmen, and we were sworn in with the re-elected Missouri senators. Missouri's 58th governor was also sworn in, and I was honored he mentioned my **Senate Bill 68** in his inaugural State of the State Address. I proudly served on several Senate committees: Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment (vice-chair); Local Government, Elections and Pensions (vice-chair); Appropriations; and Education.



## SB 68: Banning Cell Phones During School Hours



One of the most exciting and personal achievements of this legislative session was the passage of **Senate Bill 68**, my school safety bill. Children are our most precious resource, and we must ensure their safety and provide them with a positive and distraction-free learning environment. Senate Bill 68 bans the use of cell phones and other personal electronic communications devices during school hours, with some common sense exceptions for instructional purposes and

emergencies. Senate Bill 68, which evolved into an omnibus education package, also contains my school safety language and provisions from several of my other bills. In addition, SB 68 requires a local education agency to report school safety incidents and credible school threats to the Missouri Department of Education.

## HB 567: Clarifying Prop A



In 2024, Missouri voters approved Proposition A, which changed the state's minimum wage and paid sick leave employee benefits.

**House Bill 567** clarifies Proposition A and ensures it is implemented in a fair, manageable and sustainable way for local employers. House Bill 567 repeals Proposition A's paid sick time provisions and eliminates annual pay increases based on the Consumer Price Index.

## HJR 73: Protecting Life

### House Joint Resolution 73

puts a question on a statewide ballot, in either November 2026 or a special election called by the governor, asking Missouri voters to repeal and replace the state's current abortion law. If approved, this would overturn Amendment 3, which was passed by Missouri voters last November and restored abortion rights in the state.



# 2025 Session Overview

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Missouri Senate.



Other bills passed this session include:

### House Bill 495

ensures law enforcement agencies have the support and resources they need to keep our communities safe and puts the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department under the control of a citizen-led board.



### House Bill 594

eliminates the capital gains tax, raises the earnings cap for the senior citizens property tax credit, adjusts the annual credit to correspond with the Consumer Price Index and allows disabled veterans access to these benefits. This bill also exempts diapers from sales tax.



## Lawmakers Called Back for Extraordinary Session

The governor called the General Assembly back to the Capitol for an extra session to provide resources to families affected by recent severe storms, drive economic development through a tax incentive program and make necessary budget appropriations. The three bills below, which all include some natural disaster relief provisions, were passed during the extra session.



**Senate Bill 1** provides funding for several education, health care and law enforcement projects across the state.

**Senate Bill 3** includes the Show-Me Sports Investment Act, a professional sports stadium funding bill. I voted no on SB 3 because I couldn't justify sending hundreds of millions of dollars to professional sports teams when our budget is tightening and many other worthwhile state projects have gone unfunded.

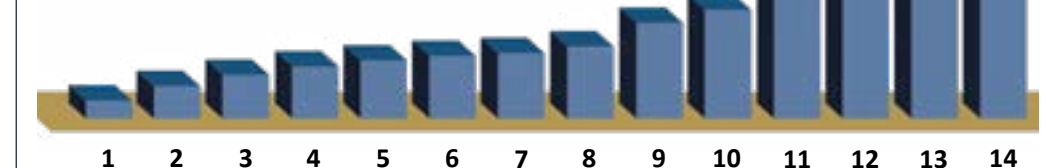
**Senate Bill 4** authorizes the quick distribution of FEMA funds from the Missouri Housing Trust Fund and raises the income cap so more families qualify for assistance.

## \$48.172 Billion State Operating Budget: Where the Money Goes

Each legislative session, the Missouri General Assembly is required to pass a balanced state operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The FY 2026 budget funds all state functions and includes millions of dollars in funding for our district, including:

- **\$9,598,328** for Jefferson Community College
- **\$17,003,352** for Potosi Correctional Center
- **\$27,569,117** for Farmington Correctional Center
- **\$29,061,745** for Eastern Reception & Diagnostic Center
- **\$31,129,529** for Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center (SMMHC) Sexual Offender Rehabilitation & Treatment Services
- **\$33,664,705** for SMMHC
- **\$136,294,741** for the Foundation Formula for local K-12 schools

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| 1  | Judiciary & Public Defender - <b>\$399,918,781</b>  |
| 2  | Office of Administration - <b>\$767,270,370</b>   |
| 3  | Corrections - <b>\$1,043,613,331</b>  |
| 4  | Public Safety - <b>\$1,232,815,948</b>  |
| 5  | Higher Education & Workforce Development - <b>\$1,419,907,258</b>   |
| 6  | All Other Agencies (Includes Revenue, National Guard, Elected Officials, General Assembly and Statewide Real Estate) - <b>\$1,487,487,462</b> |
| 7  | Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources - <b>\$1,544,126,849</b>  |
| 8  | Employee Benefits - <b>\$1,708,572,983</b>  |
| 9  | Health & Senior Services - <b>\$2,337,806,425</b>   |
| 10 | Economic Development, Labor & Insurance - <b>\$2,664,508,332</b>  |
| 11 | Transportation - <b>\$3,564,927,863</b>   |
| 12 | Mental Health - <b>\$4,376,271,419</b>  |
| 13 | Elementary & Secondary Education - <b>\$8,630,865,463</b>   |
| 14 | Social Services - <b>\$16,994,175,469</b>   |





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