

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

Senator Hudson offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for another day. Thank You for guidance, truth, and light. Thank You for the clear instructions given in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Thank You for reminding us that healing and forgiveness come from humble prayers of repentance. Forgive us for the sins that we have committed. Forgive us for the times we have placed our own ambition above our neighbor's good. Forgive us for the times we've traded in our integrity to satisfy our flesh and forgive us for all of the times we've made excuses for what we should have grieved over. Our best efforts are wholly inadequate and even repulsive. We stand before You as sinful creatures deserving of judgement yet living free. Unworthy of the least of Your blessings yet daily loaded with Your benefits because You are a merciful and loving God. Guide our steps, speak to our hearts, and use us to bring You glory.

In the mighty and matchless name of Jesus I pray. Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

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

The Journal of the previous day was read and approved.

The Senate observed a moment of silence for St. Louis County Officer, First Sergeant Garrett Temple.

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

Present—Senators

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

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 694, regarding Sergeant William "Chris" Moore, Town and Country, which was adopted.

Senator Burger assumed the Chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were read the 1st time and ordered printed:

SB 1717 – By Nurrenbern.

An Act to repeal section 487.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the appointment of family court commissioners.

SB 1718 – By Hudson.

An Act to repeal sections 287.030 and 287.128, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to workers' compensation, with penalty provisions.

SB 1719 – By Schroer.

An Act to repeal sections 195.070, 334.104, and 335.019, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections relating to health care professionals.

SB 1720 – By Schroer.

An Act to repeal section 9.289 as enacted by house bill no. 1738, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, and section 9.289 as enacted by house bill no. 2627, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to tardive dyskinesia awareness.

SB 1721 – By Schroer.

An Act to repeal sections 116.030, 116.040, 116.050, 116.080, 116.090, 116.110, 116.130, 116.153, 116.200, and 116.332, RSMo, and section 116.190 as enacted by senate bill no. 22, one hundred third general assembly, first regular session, section 116.190 as enacted by senate bill no. 104, ninety-eighth general assembly, first regular session, section 116.334 as enacted by senate bill no. 22, one hundred third general assembly, first regular session, and section 116.334 as enacted by house bill no. 117, ninety-seventh general assembly, first regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof twelve new sections relating to initiative petitions and referenda, with penalty provisions.

SB 1722 – By Gregory (21).

An Act to repeal section 621.250, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to environmental appeals.

SB 1723 – By Brown (16).

An Act to repeal sections 313.820 and 313.822, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to excursion gambling boats.

SB 1724 – By Brown (16).

An Act to repeal section 195.017, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to xylazine.

SB 1725 – By Beck.

An Act to amend chapter 644, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to foam fire suppressants.

SB 1726 – By Carter.

An Act to repeal sections 455.010, 455.035, and 455.513, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to orders of protection.

SB 1727 – By Carter.

An Act to repeal section 139.100, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to property tax payments.

SB 1728 – By Carter.

An Act to amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a community-based assistance program.

SB 1729 – By Henderson.

An Act to repeal section 160.572, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to college and career readiness.

SB 1730 – By Henderson.

An Act to amend chapter 348, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri technology corporation.

SB 1731 – By May.

An Act to repeal section 590.192, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the critical incident management program.

SB 1732 – By Trent.

An Act to repeal sections 534.602, 534.604, and 569.200, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the unlawful use of real property, with penalty provisions.

SB 1733 – By Gregory (15).

An Act to amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to school safety.

SB 1734 – By Gregory (15).

An Act to amend chapter 311, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of certain entertainment districts.

SB 1735 – By Washington.

An Act to amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a sickle cell standing committee.

SB 1736 – By Washington.

An Act to amend chapter 163, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to state aid allocations to certain school districts.

SB 1737 – By Washington.

An Act to amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for annual kidney function screenings.

SB 1738 – By Washington.

An Act to amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the offense of tampering with an election official, with penalty provisions.

SB 1739 – By Washington.

An Act to amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to solicitations to buy real property, with penalty provisions.

SB 1740 – By Washington.

An Act to amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a prepaid mobile device pilot project implemented by the department of social services.

SB 1741 – By Washington.

An Act to repeal section 441.920, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to rental protections for victims of domestic violence.

SB 1742 – By Lewis.

An Act to amend chapter 389, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to crew member requirements for certain rail operations, with penalty provisions.

SB 1743 – By Lewis.

An Act to amend chapter 389, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to reports of certain railroad incidents.

SB 1744 – By Lewis.

An Act to amend chapter 389, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to train length restrictions.

SB 1745 – By Lewis.

An Act to repeal section 590.192, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the critical incident management program.

SB 1746 – By Moon.

An Act to repeal sections 115.353, 115.355, 115.357, 115.365, 115.507, 115.511, 115.515, 115.517, 115.531, 115.555, 115.575, 115.603, 115.619, 115.620, 115.621, 476.680, 478.010, 478.320, and

478.330, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eighteen new sections relating to the election of judges, with an effective date.

SB 1747 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal sections 285.625, 285.630, 285.635, 285.650, 285.670, 407.1095, 407.1098, 407.1101, 407.1104, 455.030, 455.050, 455.523, 565.076, 565.090, 565.091, 565.227, 571.070, 589.660, 589.663, and 590.040, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty new sections relating to the protection of vulnerable persons from cybercrimes, with penalty provisions.

SB 1748 – By McCreery.

An Act to amend chapter 573, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the offense of disclosure of an intimate digital depiction, with penalty provisions.

SB 1749 – By McCreery.

An Act to amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the state office of archaeology.

SB 1750 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal section 393.130, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the regulation of large load electric customers.

SB 1751 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1752 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, the several divisions, programs, and institutions of higher education included therein to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1753 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Transportation, and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1754 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Office of Administration, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Public Safety, the Chief Executive's Office, and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1755 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Conservation, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and for the expenses, grants, refunds, distributions, and capital improvements projects involving the repair, replacement, and maintenance of state buildings and facilities of the Department of Natural Resources and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds, for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1756 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Economic Development, Department of Commerce and Insurance, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1757 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Public Safety and Department of National Guard and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1758 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Corrections and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1759 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1760 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Social Services, and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1761 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Chief Executive's Office and Mansion, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys and Circuit Attorneys Retirement Systems, the Judiciary and the Office of the State Public Defender, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and for the payment of salaries and mileage of members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, including salaries and expenses of elective and appointive officers and necessary capital improvements expenditures; for salaries and expenses of members and employees and other necessary operating expenses of the Committee on Legislative Research, various joint committees, for the expenses of the interim committees established by the General Assembly, and for the Missouri State Capitol Commission, and to transfer money among certain funds, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1762 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for real property leases, related services, utilities, systems furniture, structural modifications, and related expenses for the several departments of state government and the divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1763 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for capital improvement and other purposes for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1764 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof: for the purchase of equipment; planning, expenses, and capital improvement projects involving the maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of state buildings and facilities, including installation, modification, and renovation of facility components, equipment or systems; grants, refunds, distributions, planning, expenses, and land improvements; and to transfer money among certain funds; to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1765 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof for planning and capital improvements including but not limited to major additions and renovations, new structures, and land improvements or acquisitions, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SB 1766 – By Hough.

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, distributions, purchase of equipment, planning expenses, capital improvement projects, including but not limited to major additions and renovation of facility components, and equipment or systems for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof, and to transfer money among certain funds, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SJR 122 – By Moon.

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 16, 19, 25(a), 25(b), 25(c)(1), 25(c)(2), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), and 25(g) of article V of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three new sections in lieu thereof relating to judges.

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 **SB 975**, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds that the bill has been truly perfected and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Trent moved that **SB 973**, with **SCS**, and **SS** for **SCS** (pending), be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SS for **SCS** for **SB 973** was again taken up.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Lewis offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 973, Page 2, Section 407.3600, Line 19, by striking the words “related by blood” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “**who is a relative within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity**”.

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

Senator McCreery offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 973, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 3-4, by striking “certain disclosures by a real estate wholesaler” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “certain written disclosures for real estate transactions”; and

Further amend said bill, page 4, section 407.3600, line 109, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“442.920. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Missouri Residential Sale Leaseback Protection Act”.

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

(1) “Buyer”, any person or entity that acquires an ownership interest in residential real estate in a sale leaseback transaction;

(2) “Residential real estate”, real property that is improved by a building or other structure that has one to four dwelling units;

(3) “Sale leaseback”, a transaction or series of transactions in which a seller sells residential real estate that is or was the seller's residence to another party and, as a condition of the sale, or as part of the same or a related transaction, enters into a lease or rental agreement to remain in or re-occupy the property;

(4) “Seller”, any natural person who transfers an ownership interest in residential real estate in a sale leaseback transaction.

3. (1) In any sale leaseback transaction, the buyer shall provide the seller with the following disclosure on a single page in a clear and conspicuous manner, printed in boldface type:

If you sign a sale leaseback agreement, you are entering into a contract to sell your home. This means you will no longer own your home.

You may be subject to eviction if you do not follow the lease terms.

You may lose the right to buy back your home.

This may affect your credit, taxes, and legal rights.

You are encouraged to speak with:

(1) An attorney;

(2) A real estate agent;

(3) A housing counselor;

(4) A tax advisor; and

(5) A real estate appraiser.

No sale leaseback can be closed for at least thirty (30) days after signing an agreement.

Do not sign unless you fully understand the terms.

(2) The disclosure required by subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be provided to the seller not less than fourteen calendar days prior to execution of any sale leaseback agreement, and the disclosures shall be signed by both the seller and the buyer concurrently with the execution of the sale leaseback agreement.

(3) A copy of the signed disclosure required by subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be provided to the seller within five days of the execution of the sale leaseback agreement.

4. There shall be no delivery, recording, or other transfer of title from seller to buyer until thirty days after the execution of any sale leaseback agreement.

5. (1) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars per violation.

(2) The attorney general may bring an action to enforce this section, including actions for injunctive relief, civil penalties, and restitution.

(3) Any seller harmed by a violation of this section may bring a civil action to recover:

(a) Actual damages;

(b) Statutory damages of ten thousand dollars, which shall be in addition to any actual damages proven;

(c) Attorneys' fees and costs; and

(d) Equitable or injunctive relief.

6. No provision of this section shall be modified or waived by any agreement. Any portion of an agreement that is executed, modified, or extended after the effective date of this section that modifies or waives a duty or remedy under this section is void ab initio and unenforceable.

Section 1. In the event that any section, provision, clause, phrase, or word of this act or the application thereof is declared invalid under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Missouri, it is the intent of the general assembly that the remaining sections of this act remain in force and effect as far as they are capable of being carried into execution as intended by the general assembly. The general assembly hereby declares that it would have passed each section, provision, clause, phrase, or word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, provisions, clauses, phrases, or words of this act or the application of this act would be declared unenforceable, unconstitutional, or invalid.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Trent moved that SS for SCS for SB 973, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Trent, **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 973**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Carter moved that **SB 1062**, with **SS** and point of order (pending), be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

At the request of Senator Carter, **SS** for **SB 1062** was withdrawn, rendering the point of order moot.

Senator Carter offered **SS No. 2** for **SB 1062**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1062

An Act to amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a community-based assistance program.

Senator Carter moved that **SS No. 2** for **SB 1062** be adopted.

Senator McCreery offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 1062, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 3-4, by striking “the establishment of a community-based assistance program” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “achieving personal goals”; and

Further amend said bill and page, section A, line 3, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“192.2405. 1. The following persons shall be required to immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department under sections 192.2400 to 192.2470:

(1) Any person having reasonable cause to suspect that an eligible adult presents a likelihood of suffering serious physical harm, or bullying as defined in subdivision (2) of section 192.2400, and is in need of protective services; and

(2) Any adult day care worker, **animal control officer, animal humane investigator as defined in section 273.415**, chiropractor, Christian Science practitioner, coroner, dentist, embalmer, employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services, employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program, emergency medical technician, firefighter, first responder, funeral director, home health agency, home health agency employee, hospital and clinic personnel engaged in the care or treatment of others, in-home services owner or provider, in-home services operator or employee, law enforcement officer, long-term care facility administrator or employee, medical examiner, medical resident or intern, mental health professional, minister, nurse, nurse practitioner, optometrist, other health practitioner, peace officer, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, physician's assistant, podiatrist, probation or parole officer, psychologist, social worker, or other person with the responsibility for the care of an eligible adult who has reasonable cause to suspect that the eligible adult has been subjected to abuse or neglect or observes the eligible adult being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a duly ordained minister, clergy, religious worker, or Christian Science practitioner while

functioning in his or her ministerial capacity shall not be required to report concerning a privileged communication made to him or her in his or her professional capacity.

2. Any other person who becomes aware of circumstances that may reasonably be expected to be the result of, or result in, abuse or neglect of an eligible adult may report to the department.

3. The penalty for failing to report as required under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section is provided under section 565.188.

4. As used in this section, “first responder” means any person trained and authorized by law or rule to render emergency medical assistance or treatment. Such persons may include, but shall not be limited to, emergency first responders, police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, firefighters, or emergency medical technicians.

192.2510. 1. All persons providing protective services to eligible adults, as such terms are defined in section 192.2400, and who have direct contact with such adults, shall be required to complete at least one and one-half hours of training within the first sixty days of employment. The training shall include the following:

(1) Requirements to report animal abuse or neglect and the penalties associated with failure to report under section 273.410;

(2) How to identify animal abuse or neglect;

(3) How to make a report of animal abuse or neglect; and

(4) The relationship between eligible adult abuse or neglect and animal abuse or neglect.

2. The department of health and senior services, in consultation with the department of agriculture and animal welfare associations, shall develop or adapt and use available training materials for the training required under this section. Persons required to complete training under this section shall be provided with opportunities to do so during regular working hours.

3. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) “Animal”, dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds;

(2) “Animal welfare association”, a nonprofit organization that is established to promote animal welfare, is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax exempt under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), or the corresponding section of any future tax code, and is registered with the secretary of state under chapter 355.

210.115. 1. When any physician, medical examiner, coroner, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, resident, intern, nurse, hospital or clinic personnel that are engaged in the examination, care, treatment or research of persons, and any other health practitioner, psychologist, mental health professional, social worker, day care center worker or other child-care worker, juvenile officer, probation or parole officer, jail or detention center personnel, teacher, principal or other school official, minister as provided by section 352.400, peace officer or law enforcement official, **animal control officer, animal humane investigator as defined in section 273.415**, volunteer or personnel of a community service program that offers support services for families in crisis to assist in the delegation of any powers

regarding the care and custody of a child by a properly executed power of attorney pursuant to sections 475.600 to 475.604, or other person with responsibility for the care of children has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, that person shall immediately report to the division in accordance with the provisions of sections 210.109 to 210.183. No internal investigation shall be initiated until such a report has been made. As used in this section, the term "abuse" is not limited to abuse inflicted by a person responsible for the child's care, custody and control as specified in section 210.110, but shall also include abuse inflicted by any other person.

2. If two or more members of a medical institution who are required to report jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, a single report may be made by a designated member of that medical team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter immediately make the report. Nothing in this section, however, is meant to preclude any person from reporting abuse or neglect.

3. The reporting requirements under this section are individual, and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit any reporting under this section. No person making a report under this section shall be subject to any sanction, including any adverse employment action, for making such report. Every employer shall ensure that any employee required to report pursuant to subsection 1 of this section has immediate and unrestricted access to communications technology necessary to make an immediate report and is temporarily relieved of other work duties for such time as is required to make any report required under subsection 1 of this section.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 210.109 to 210.183, any child who does not receive specified medical treatment by reason of the legitimate practice of the religious belief of the child's parents, guardian, or others legally responsible for the child, for that reason alone, shall not be found to be an abused or neglected child, and such parents, guardian or other persons legally responsible for the child shall not be entered into the central registry. However, the division may accept reports concerning such a child and may subsequently investigate or conduct a family assessment as a result of that report. Such an exception shall not limit the administrative or judicial authority of the state to ensure that medical services are provided to the child when the child's health requires it.

5. In addition to those persons and officials required to report actual or suspected abuse or neglect, any other person may report in accordance with sections 210.109 to 210.183 if such person has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.

6. Any person or official required to report pursuant to this section, including employees of the division, who has probable cause to suspect that a child who is or may be under the age of eighteen, who is eligible to receive a certificate of live birth, has died shall report that fact to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner. If, upon review of the circumstances and medical information, the medical examiner or coroner determines that the child died of natural causes while under medical care for an established natural disease, the coroner, medical examiner or physician shall notify the division of the child's death and that the child's attending physician shall be signing the death certificate. In all other cases, the medical examiner or coroner shall accept the report for investigation, shall immediately notify the division of the

child's death as required in section 58.452 and shall report the findings to the child fatality review panel established pursuant to section 210.192.

7. Any person or individual required to report may also report the suspicion of abuse or neglect to any law enforcement agency or juvenile office. Such report shall not, however, take the place of reporting to the division.

8. If an individual required to report suspected instances of abuse or neglect pursuant to this section has reason to believe that the victim of such abuse or neglect is a resident of another state or was injured as a result of an act which occurred in another state, the person required to report such abuse or neglect may, in lieu of reporting to the Missouri children's division, make such a report to the child protection agency of the other state with the authority to receive such reports pursuant to the laws of such other state. If such agency accepts the report, no report is required to be made, but may be made, to the children's division.

9. For the purposes of providing supportive services or verifying the status of a youth as unaccompanied or homeless for the purposes of accessing supportive services, the fact that a child is an unaccompanied youth as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a(6) is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect, unless the child is under sixteen years of age or is an incapacitated person, as defined in section 475.010. Nothing in this subsection shall limit a mandated reporter from making a report under this section if the mandated reporter knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that an unaccompanied youth has been or may be a victim of abuse or neglect.

210.191. 1. All children's division employees, and contractors for children's services, who have direct contact with children through the state's child protection and welfare system shall be required to complete at least one and one-half hours of training within the first sixty days of employment or contract. The training shall include the following:

(1) Requirements to report animal abuse or neglect and the penalties associated with failure to report under section 273.410;

(2) How to identify animal abuse or neglect;

(3) How to make a report of animal abuse or neglect; and

(4) The relationship between child abuse or neglect and animal abuse or neglect.

2. The division, in consultation with the department of agriculture and animal welfare associations, shall develop or adapt and use available training materials for the training required under this section. Persons required to complete training under this section shall be provided with opportunities to do so during regular working hours.

3. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Animal", dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds;

(2) "Animal welfare association", the same meaning as in section 192.2510.

273.410. 1. When any psychologist, mental health professional, social worker, school counselor, teacher, or other school professional, or juvenile officer, law enforcement or peace officer, probation

or parole officer, home health aide, adult or child protective services worker, or volunteer or personnel of a community service program that offers support or advocacy services for children in foster care has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes an animal being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, that person shall make a report to the hotline established and operated by the Missouri Animal Control Association (MACA) within one day.

2. The hotline worker shall request all of the following information for the report:

(1) The name and description of the animal involved, if known;

(2) The address and telephone number of the owner or other person responsible for the care of the animal, if known;

(3) The nature and extent of the suspected abuse or neglect; and

(4) Any other information that the person making the report believes may be useful in establishing the existence of the suspected abuse or neglect or the identity of the person causing the abuse or neglect.

3. Upon receiving a report of suspected abuse or neglect, MACA shall provide the report to any duly-authorized law enforcement official, county or municipal animal control officer, or any Missouri peace officer standards and training (POST)-certified or MACA-certified animal cruelty investigator.

4. Any person required to report animal abuse or neglect under this section shall be immune from civil and criminal liability in connection with making any required report if the person acted in good faith when making such report.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any information identifying a person who reports suspected animal abuse or neglect under this section shall be confidential and shall not be deemed a public record and shall not be subject to the provisions of section 109.180 or chapter 610.

6. No person required to make a report of animal abuse or neglect under this section shall knowingly make a false report. The penalty for making a false report and the defenses to prosecution shall be the same as under section 575.080.

7. If an agency or political subdivision of the state determines that an employee who is a mandated reporter under this section has failed to make a report as required by this section, the agency or political subdivision shall issue a written notice to such employee that shall include a finding of facts in support of the failure to make a report and an explanation of the reporting requirement. Such notice shall not be retained in a permanent employment file and shall be retained in a separate file or database maintained by the agency or political subdivision. Such notice shall be considered a closed record under the provisions of chapter 610.

8. Any person required to make a report under this section who is subject to professional licensure and who fails to make a report as required by this section shall be subject to discipline by his or her respective licensing board as follows:

(1) For the first instance of a failure to report, the licensing board shall issue a written notice to such employee that shall include a finding of facts in support of the failure to make a report and an explanation of the reporting requirement;

(2) For a second instance of a failure to report, the licensing board shall impose a fine of one hundred dollars;

(3) For a third and each subsequent instance of a failure to report, the licensing board shall impose a fine of five hundred dollars.

9. As used in this section, the term “animal” means dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds.

273.415. 1. All persons employed or serving as animal control officers or animal humane investigators who have direct contact with animals shall be required to complete at least one and one-half hours of training within the first sixty days of employment. The training shall include the following:

(1) Requirements to report child abuse or neglect under section 210.115 or eligible person abuse or neglect under section 192.2405 and the penalties associated with failure to report such abuse or neglect;

(2) How to identify child or eligible person abuse or neglect;

(3) How to make a report of child or eligible person abuse or neglect; and

(4) The relationship between child, eligible adult, and animal abuse or neglect.

2. The children's division and the department of health and senior services, in consultation with the department of agriculture and animal welfare associations, shall develop or adapt and use available training materials for the training required under this section. Persons required to complete training under this section shall be provided with opportunities to do so during regular working hours.

3. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) “Animal”, dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds;

(2) “Animal humane investigator”, a duly-authorized county or municipal animal control officer or any Missouri peace officer standards and training (POST)-certified or Missouri Animal Control Association (MACA)-certified animal cruelty investigator;

(3) “Animal welfare association”, the same meaning as in section 192.2510.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator McCreery moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Moon raised the point of order that **SA 1** goes beyond the scope of the underlying bill.

The point of order was referred to the Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence.

At the request of Senator McCreery, **SA 1** was withdrawn, rendering the point of order moot.

Senator McCreery offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 1062, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“192.2405. 1. The following persons shall be required to immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department under sections 192.2400 to 192.2470:

(1) Any person having reasonable cause to suspect that an eligible adult presents a likelihood of suffering serious physical harm, or bullying as defined in subdivision (2) of section 192.2400, and is in need of protective services; and

(2) Any adult day care worker, **animal control officer, animal humane investigator as defined in section 273.415**, chiropractor, Christian Science practitioner, coroner, dentist, embalmer, employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services, employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program, emergency medical technician, firefighter, first responder, funeral director, home health agency, home health agency employee, hospital and clinic personnel engaged in the care or treatment of others, in-home services owner or provider, in-home services operator or employee, law enforcement officer, long-term care facility administrator or employee, medical examiner, medical resident or intern, mental health professional, minister, nurse, nurse practitioner, optometrist, other health practitioner, peace officer, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, physician's assistant, podiatrist, probation or parole officer, psychologist, social worker, or other person with the responsibility for the care of an eligible adult who has reasonable cause to suspect that the eligible adult has been subjected to abuse or neglect or observes the eligible adult being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a duly ordained minister, clergy, religious worker, or Christian Science practitioner while functioning in his or her ministerial capacity shall not be required to report concerning a privileged communication made to him or her in his or her professional capacity.

2. Any other person who becomes aware of circumstances that may reasonably be expected to be the result of, or result in, abuse or neglect of an eligible adult may report to the department.

3. The penalty for failing to report as required under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section is provided under section 565.188.

4. As used in this section, “first responder” means any person trained and authorized by law or rule to render emergency medical assistance or treatment. Such persons may include, but shall not be limited to, emergency first responders, police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, firefighters, or emergency medical technicians.

192.2510. 1. All persons providing protective services to eligible adults, as such terms are defined in section 192.2400, and who have direct contact with such adults, shall be required to complete at least one and one-half hours of training within the first sixty days of employment. The training shall include the following:

(1) Requirements to report animal abuse or neglect and the penalties associated with failure to report under section 273.410;

(2) How to identify animal abuse or neglect;

(3) How to make a report of animal abuse or neglect; and

(4) The relationship between eligible adult abuse or neglect and animal abuse or neglect.

2. The department of health and senior services, in consultation with the department of agriculture and animal welfare associations, shall develop or adapt and use available training materials for the training required under this section. Persons required to complete training under this section shall be provided with opportunities to do so during regular working hours.

3. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) “Animal”, dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds;

(2) “Animal welfare association”, a nonprofit organization that is established to promote animal welfare, is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax exempt under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), or the corresponding section of any future tax code, and is registered with the secretary of state under chapter 355.

210.115. 1. When any physician, medical examiner, coroner, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, resident, intern, nurse, hospital or clinic personnel that are engaged in the examination, care, treatment or research of persons, and any other health practitioner, psychologist, mental health professional, social worker, day care center worker or other child-care worker, juvenile officer, probation or parole officer, jail or detention center personnel, teacher, principal or other school official, minister as provided by section 352.400, peace officer or law enforcement official, **animal control officer, animal humane investigator as defined in section 273.415**, volunteer or personnel of a community service program that offers support services for families in crisis to assist in the delegation of any powers regarding the care and custody of a child by a properly executed power of attorney pursuant to sections 475.600 to 475.604, or other person with responsibility for the care of children has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, that person shall immediately report to the division in accordance with the provisions of sections 210.109 to 210.183. No internal investigation shall be initiated until such a report has been made. As used in this section, the term “abuse” is not limited to abuse inflicted by a person responsible for the child's care, custody and control as specified in section 210.110, but shall also include abuse inflicted by any other person.

2. If two or more members of a medical institution who are required to report jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, a single report may be made by a designated member of that medical team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter immediately make the report. Nothing in this section, however, is meant to preclude any person from reporting abuse or neglect.

3. The reporting requirements under this section are individual, and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit any reporting under this section. No person making a report under this section shall be subject to any sanction, including any adverse employment action, for making such report. Every

employer shall ensure that any employee required to report pursuant to subsection 1 of this section has immediate and unrestricted access to communications technology necessary to make an immediate report and is temporarily relieved of other work duties for such time as is required to make any report required under subsection 1 of this section.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 210.109 to 210.183, any child who does not receive specified medical treatment by reason of the legitimate practice of the religious belief of the child's parents, guardian, or others legally responsible for the child, for that reason alone, shall not be found to be an abused or neglected child, and such parents, guardian or other persons legally responsible for the child shall not be entered into the central registry. However, the division may accept reports concerning such a child and may subsequently investigate or conduct a family assessment as a result of that report. Such an exception shall not limit the administrative or judicial authority of the state to ensure that medical services are provided to the child when the child's health requires it.

5. In addition to those persons and officials required to report actual or suspected abuse or neglect, any other person may report in accordance with sections 210.109 to 210.183 if such person has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.

6. Any person or official required to report pursuant to this section, including employees of the division, who has probable cause to suspect that a child who is or may be under the age of eighteen, who is eligible to receive a certificate of live birth, has died shall report that fact to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner. If, upon review of the circumstances and medical information, the medical examiner or coroner determines that the child died of natural causes while under medical care for an established natural disease, the coroner, medical examiner or physician shall notify the division of the child's death and that the child's attending physician shall be signing the death certificate. In all other cases, the medical examiner or coroner shall accept the report for investigation, shall immediately notify the division of the child's death as required in section 58.452 and shall report the findings to the child fatality review panel established pursuant to section 210.192.

7. Any person or individual required to report may also report the suspicion of abuse or neglect to any law enforcement agency or juvenile office. Such report shall not, however, take the place of reporting to the division.

8. If an individual required to report suspected instances of abuse or neglect pursuant to this section has reason to believe that the victim of such abuse or neglect is a resident of another state or was injured as a result of an act which occurred in another state, the person required to report such abuse or neglect may, in lieu of reporting to the Missouri children's division, make such a report to the child protection agency of the other state with the authority to receive such reports pursuant to the laws of such other state. If such agency accepts the report, no report is required to be made, but may be made, to the children's division.

9. For the purposes of providing supportive services or verifying the status of a youth as unaccompanied or homeless for the purposes of accessing supportive services, the fact that a child is an unaccompanied youth as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a(6) is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect, unless the child is under sixteen years of age or is an incapacitated person, as defined in section 475.010. Nothing in this subsection shall limit a mandated reporter from

making a report under this section if the mandated reporter knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that an unaccompanied youth has been or may be a victim of abuse or neglect.

210.191. 1. All children's division employees, and contractors for children's services, who have direct contact with children through the state's child protection and welfare system shall be required to complete at least one and one-half hours of training within the first sixty days of employment or contract. The training shall include the following:

(1) Requirements to report animal abuse or neglect and the penalties associated with failure to report under section 273.410;

(2) How to identify animal abuse or neglect;

(3) How to make a report of animal abuse or neglect; and

(4) The relationship between child abuse or neglect and animal abuse or neglect.

2. The division, in consultation with the department of agriculture and animal welfare associations, shall develop or adapt and use available training materials for the training required under this section. Persons required to complete training under this section shall be provided with opportunities to do so during regular working hours.

3. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Animal", dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds;

(2) "Animal welfare association", the same meaning as in section 192.2510.

273.410. 1. When any psychologist, mental health professional, social worker, school counselor, teacher, or other school professional, or juvenile officer, law enforcement or peace officer, probation or parole officer, home health aide, adult or child protective services worker, or volunteer or personnel of a community service program that offers support or advocacy services for children in foster care has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes an animal being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, that person shall make a report to the hotline established and operated by the Missouri Animal Control Association (MACA) within one day.

2. The hotline worker shall request all of the following information for the report:

(1) The name and description of the animal involved, if known;

(2) The address and telephone number of the owner or other person responsible for the care of the animal, if known;

(3) The nature and extent of the suspected abuse or neglect; and

(4) Any other information that the person making the report believes may be useful in establishing the existence of the suspected abuse or neglect or the identity of the person causing the abuse or neglect.

3. Upon receiving a report of suspected abuse or neglect, MACA shall provide the report to any duly-authorized law enforcement official, county or municipal animal control officer, or any Missouri peace officer standards and training (POST)-certified or MACA-certified animal cruelty investigator.

4. Any person required to report animal abuse or neglect under this section shall be immune from civil and criminal liability in connection with making any required report if the person acted in good faith when making such report.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any information identifying a person who reports suspected animal abuse or neglect under this section shall be confidential and shall not be deemed a public record and shall not be subject to the provisions of section 109.180 or chapter 610.

6. No person required to make a report of animal abuse or neglect under this section shall knowingly make a false report. The penalty for making a false report and the defenses to prosecution shall be the same as under section 575.080.

7. If an agency or political subdivision of the state determines that an employee who is a mandated reporter under this section has failed to make a report as required by this section, the agency or political subdivision shall issue a written notice to such employee that shall include a finding of facts in support of the failure to make a report and an explanation of the reporting requirement. Such notice shall not be retained in a permanent employment file and shall be retained in a separate file or database maintained by the agency or political subdivision. Such notice shall be considered a closed record under the provisions of chapter 610.

8. Any person required to make a report under this section who is subject to professional licensure and who fails to make a report as required by this section shall be subject to discipline by his or her respective licensing board as follows:

(1) For the first instance of a failure to report, the licensing board shall issue a written notice to such employee that shall include a finding of facts in support of the failure to make a report and an explanation of the reporting requirement;

(2) For a second instance of a failure to report, the licensing board shall impose a fine of one hundred dollars;

(3) For a third and each subsequent instance of a failure to report, the licensing board shall impose a fine of five hundred dollars.

9. As used in this section, the term “animal” means dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds.

273.415. 1. All persons employed or serving as animal control officers or animal humane investigators who have direct contact with animals shall be required to complete at least one and one-half hours of training within the first sixty days of employment. The training shall include the following:

(1) Requirements to report child abuse or neglect under section 210.115 or eligible person abuse or neglect under section 192.2405 and the penalties associated with failure to report such abuse or neglect;

(2) How to identify child or eligible person abuse or neglect;

(3) How to make a report of child or eligible person abuse or neglect; and

(4) The relationship between child, eligible adult, and animal abuse or neglect.

2. The children's division and the department of health and senior services, in consultation with the department of agriculture and animal welfare associations, shall develop or adapt and use available training materials for the training required under this section. Persons required to complete training under this section shall be provided with opportunities to do so during regular working hours.

3. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Animal", dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds;

(2) "Animal humane investigator", a duly-authorized county or municipal animal control officer or any Missouri peace officer standards and training (POST)-certified or Missouri Animal Control Association (MACA)-certified animal cruelty investigator;

(3) "Animal welfare association", the same meaning as in section 192.2510.

(3) "Animal welfare association", the same meaning as in section 192.2510."; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator McCreery moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Webber requested that a roll call vote be taken. He was joined in his request by Senators Beck, Lewis, Mosley, and McCreery.

SA 2 failed of adoption by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Beck	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)	Hudson	Lewis	May	McCreery
Mosley	Nurrenbern	Schroer	Washington	Webber	Williams—13	

NAYS—Senators

Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Carter	Coleman	Crawford
Fitzwater	Henderson	Luetkemeyer	Moon	Nicola	Schnelting	Trent—14

Absent—Senators

Bean	Bernskoetter	Burger	Cierpiot	Hough	O'Laughlin—6
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Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

Senator Lewis offered **SA 3:**

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 1062, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said lines the following:

“209.247. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- (1) “Commission”, the Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing;**
- (2) “Communication access services”, shall include, but not be limited to, the following:**
 - (a) Qualified interpreters, as described in section 209.285;**
 - (b) Communication access realtime translation services;**
 - (c) Notetakers, visual or Braille boards, and visual video services;**
 - (d) Open and closed captioning services;**
 - (e) Environmental access support for the deaf-blind and those with low vision; and**
 - (f) Any other effective method of making aurally delivered and printed information available to individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing;**
- (3) “Communication access service provider”, an individual who is trained to offer a communication access service to communicate aurally delivered and printed information to individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing.**

2. The commission shall establish a statewide communication access services program to improve compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act for agencies and businesses by coordinating resources, filling service gaps, and assisting with costs related to accommodations. The commission shall:

- (1) Develop and maintain a statewide registry of communication access service providers, organized by region, including rural and urban areas;**
- (2) Create a process for communication access service providers to apply for placement on the registry;**
- (3) Establish minimum standards for training, equipment, and technology;**
- (4) Maintain an informational website accessible by businesses, agencies, and individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing regarding resources and available programming;**
- (5) Provide consultation, training, and technical assistance to aid state and local agencies to be in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act;**
- (6) Provide information regarding available resources to assist with compliance costs and to support potential communication access service providers in underserved areas;**
- (7) Conduct outreach activities for urban or rural residents and communication access service providers to expand awareness and capacity in underserved areas;**

(8) Subject to appropriation, administer scholarships for professional development, internships, and certification testing;

(9) Subject to appropriation and pursuant to rules promulgated under this section, administer and finance requests for communication access services between agencies and businesses and individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing;

(10) Hire a program manager to serve at the pleasure of the director of the commission. The program manager shall have a background and experience in communication access services. The salary for the program manager shall be paid out of the fund established in subsection 3 of this section; and

(11) Submit an annual report to the governor and the general assembly that includes information on communication access service utilization, registry effectiveness, funding outcomes, and recommendations for improvement.

3. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the “Communication Access Services Fund”, which shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund and any gifts, donations, grants, and bequests from individuals, private organizations, foundations, or other sources for the purpose of administering the program established in this section. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used by the commission for the salary of the program manager, distribution of financial assistance for communication access services, and distribution of scholarships under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

4. The commission shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section, including the process for distributing scholarships under subdivision (8) of subsection 2 of this section and determining eligibility for financial assistance under subdivision (9) of subsection 2 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Washington offered SA 4:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 4

Amend Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 1062, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“208.1375. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) “Prepaid mobile device”, a cellular telephone or other communication device for which the mobile device user purchases a set allotment of wireless communication services;

(2) “Shelters for victims of domestic violence”, the same meaning as in section 135.550;

(3) “Wireless communication services”, any mobile service that is provided for profit and makes interconnected service available to the public.

2. Subject to appropriation, the department of social services shall implement a pilot project to purchase prepaid mobile devices and distribute those devices through grants to shelters for victims of domestic violence for the purposing of redistributing those devices to victims of domestic violence for personal use. The department shall develop a grant application for shelters to utilize to apply for the devices, including a requirement that the shelters ensure that the devices are distributed to those victims in greatest need of a prepaid mobile device. The department shall distribute the devices in a manner that rural and urban shelters across the state receive an equal allotment based on need.

3. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the “Domestic Violence Shelter Cell Phone Fund”, which shall consist of moneys collected under this section and any grants, donations, gifts, and bequests made to it. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely by the department for the purpose of administering the provisions of this section, including the distribution of prepaid mobile devices to shelters.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

4. The department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer the pilot project described in this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.

5. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

(1) The program authorized pursuant to this section shall automatically sunset on August 28, 2032, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;

(2) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized pursuant to this section is sunset; and

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to impair or impede the state's fulfillment of any obligations, including the authorization, issuance, or redemption of tax credits, incurred pursuant to this section prior to the date the program authorized pursuant to this section is sunset.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Washington moved that the above amendment be adopted.

At the request of Senator Carter, **SB 1062**, with **SS No. 2** and **SA 4** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Gregory (21) offered Senate Resolution No. 695, regarding the Missouri State Alliance of YMCAs, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) offered Senate Resolution No. 696, regarding Jose Torres-Gomez, Liberty, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) offered Senate Resolution No. 697, regarding Alexandria Woerth, Liberty, which was adopted.

Senator Brown (26) offered Senate Resolution No. 698, regarding Michael Hotra, Washington, which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Bean introduced to the Senate MO Rice Council, Brad Hudson; Lloyd Smith; David Martin; Chris Martin; and Bootheel Progress with Partnership; Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce; Dexter Chamber of Commerce; Dunklin County Economic Development; Farmington Regional Chamber; Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce; New Madrid County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism; Perry County Economic Development Authority; Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce; SEMO REDI; Sikeston Chamber, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Scott City Area Chamber of Commerce; and his daughter, Claire Bean, Halcomb.

Senator Washington introduced to the Senate, Hickman Mills School District superintendent, Dr. Dennis L. Carpenter; president and former state Representative, Bonnaye Mims; vice president, Byron Townsend; and students, Zuhair Abuasbah; Luis Salazar; Paytin Adams; and Zuhair, Luis and Paytin were made honorary pages.

Senator Henderson introduced to the Senate Mineral Area College president, Dr. Joe Gilgour, Park Hills.

Senator Carter introduced to the Senate, Susan Hickam; Kylee Sikes; Hannah Castle; JD Buckridge; Brent Deputy; and Arc of the Ozarks, Joplin.

Senator Brattin introduced to the Senate Harrisonville School District, Dr. Joshua Chastain; Doug Meyer; Nancy Shelton; Michael Culpepper; Emily Stone; and Bob Ray, Harrisonville.

Senator Nicola introduced to the Senate Grain Valley School District superintendent, Dr. Brad Wells; assistant superintendent, Dr. Amanda Allen, Grain Valley; and Oak Grove R-6 school district superintendent, Mindy Hampton, Oak Grove.

Senator Gregory 21 introduced to the Senate, Ellen Lance, Marshall; and 13 students from MO Valley College BSN.

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate University of Missouri-St. Louis, Dr. Sheila Grigsby; Dr. Tonya Haynes; Keri Jupka; Dr. Michelle Barrier; and Dr. Lisa Green.

Senator Burger introduced to the Senate Kelso C-7 superintendent, Kim Burger; nurse, Katherine Duncan; Kamryn Scherer; Callie Boarders.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned under the rules.

SENATE CALENDAR

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FORMAL CALENDAR

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SB 1690-Gregory (15)	SB 1731-May
SB 1691-Burger	SB 1732-Trent
SB 1692-Lewis	SB 1733-Gregory (15)
SB 1693-Lewis	SB 1734-Gregory (15)
SB 1694-Roberts	SB 1735-Washington
SB 1695-Webber	SB 1736-Washington
SB 1696-Webber	SB 1737-Washington
SB 1697-Schroer	SB 1738-Washington
SB 1698-Schroer	SB 1739-Washington
SB 1699-Gregory (21)	SB 1740-Washington
SB 1700-Henderson	SB 1741-Washington
SB 1701-Nurrenbern	SB 1742-Lewis
SB 1702-Nurrenbern	SB 1743-Lewis
SB 1703-Carter	SB 1744-Lewis
SB 1704-Gregory (15)	SB 1745-Lewis
SB 1705-Lewis	SB 1746-Moon
SB 1706-Lewis	SB 1747-McCreery
SB 1707-McCreery	SB 1748-McCreery
SB 1708-McCreery	SB 1749-McCreery
SB 1709-McCreery	SB 1750-McCreery
SB 1710-McCreery	SB 1751-Hough
SB 1711-McCreery	SB 1752-Hough
SB 1712-McCreery	SB 1753-Hough
SB 1713-McCreery	SB 1754-Hough
SB 1714-McCreery	SB 1755-Hough
SB 1715-McCreery	SB 1756-Hough
SB 1716-McCreery	SB 1757-Hough
SB 1717-Nurrenbern	SB 1758-Hough
SB 1718-Hudson	SB 1759-Hough
SB 1719-Schroer	SB 1760-Hough
SB 1720-Schroer	SB 1761-Hough
SB 1721-Schroer	SB 1762-Hough
SB 1722-Gregory (21)	SB 1763-Hough
SB 1723-Brown (16)	SB 1764-Hough
SB 1724-Brown (16)	SB 1765-Hough
SB 1725-Beck	SB 1766-Hough
SB 1726-Carter	SJR 118-Nurrenbern
SB 1727-Carter	SJR 119-Lewis
SB 1728-Carter	SJR 120-Lewis
SB 1729-Henderson	SJR 121-McCreery
SB 1730-Henderson	SJR 122-Moon

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HBs 1667 & 2294	HB 1917-Casteel
HCS for HBs 1694, 1674, 1780, 2056, 2312 & 1755	HB 2061-Hruza
HCS for HBs 2273, 1946, 1814 & 2551	HCS for HB 2384
HCS for HB 1757	HB 1766-McGirl
HCS for HB 2375	HCS for HB 2989
HCS for HB 1788	HCS for HB 2596
HB 1628-Haley	HB 1644-Overcast
HCS for HBs 2033, 1608, 1672 & 1854	HB 2423-Oehlerking
HB 1847-Hewkin	HCS for HB 2641
HCS for HB 1866	HB 2498-Christ
HCS for HBs 1908 & 2337	HCS for HBs 2637 & 3155
HB 2180-Griffith	HCS for HJR 154
HB 2591-Stinnett	HB 2189-Bromley
HB 1961-Peters	HCS for HB 1790
HCS for HBs 1838, 1692, 1695, 1983, 2036, 2662 & 2743	HB 1844-Gallick
	HCS for HB 2178

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 974-Black (In Fiscal Oversight)	SB 938-Bernskoetter (In Fiscal Oversight)
SS for SB 1000-Hudson (In Fiscal Oversight)	SS for SCS for SB 1087-Nicola
SS#2 for SB 1233-Trent	SS for SB 1032-Moon (In Fiscal Oversight)
	SS for SB 975-Black

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| 1. SB 838-Cierpiot, with SCS | 8. SB 887-Schroer |
| 2. SB 903-Henderson, with SCS | 9. SB 970-Fitzwater, with SCS |
| 3. SB 1029-Brattin, with SCS | 10. SB 999-Hudson |
| 4. SBs 971 & 906-Trent, with SCS | 11. SJR 95-Schnelting, with SCS |
| 5. SB 1351-Nicola | 12. SB 931-Crawford |
| 6. SB 1408-Burger | 13. SB 849-O'Laughlin |
| 7. SB 982-Coleman | 14. SB 879-Fitzwater |

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SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 836-Crawford, with SCS	SB 888-Schroer, with SS & SA 1 (pending)
SB 856-Brattin and Coleman	SB 889-Coleman
SB 863-Bean, with SS & SA 1 (pending)	SB 904-Gregory (15), with SS & SA 1 (pending)

SB 917-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)
SB 948-Brattin, with SS & SA 3 (pending)
SB 998-Hudson, with SCS
SB 1003-Schnelting, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 4 (pending)

SB 1019-Crawford, with SA 1 (pending)
SB 1023-Brown (16), with SCS,
SS for SCS & SA 2 (pending)
SB 1062-Carter, with SS#2 & SA 4 (pending)
SB 1064-Brown (26)

RESOLUTIONS

SR 565-Beck
SR 566-Beck

SR 567-Beck
SR 668-Moon

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

SS for SB 1 - Hough

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