

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Dear friends and neighbors,

The First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly ended on May 15. Dozens of bills were passed that will impact the lives of all Missourians. We took action to update the circuit breaker tax credit to help seniors and people with disabilities stay in their homes longer. We passed a ban on children being married and worked to support public safety, children and health care. Fulfilling its only constitutional obligation during session, the General Assembly also passed a balanced state operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Missouri lawmakers returned to the Capitol for two extraordinary sessions and a veto session.

I hope this report helps you to learn more about the laws passed during the 2025 legislative session. If you have questions about any of the legislation discussed in this report, or if there is anything my office can do to help, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your time and interest in state government. It is an honor to serve you in the Missouri Senate.

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NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

BANNING CHILD MARRIAGE IN MISSOURI

SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATION

This legislative session, Sen. McCreery began with several goals and proposals she felt would benefit Missourians. Many of her filed bills were passed by the General Assembly, including:

- **Senate Bill 154:** Sexual assault nurse examiner hospital clarification - Passed within **Senate Bill 79**.
- **Senate Bill 232:** Mammogram notice clarification - Passed within **SB 79**.
- **Senate Bill 330:** Champion for Children tax credit - Passed within **Senate Bill 43**.
- **Senate Bill 399:** Affordable housing tax credit - Passed within **House Bill 754**.
- **Senate Bill 401:** Energy burden/low income utility class - Passed within **Senate Bill 4**.
- **Senate Bill 419:** Medicaid coverage for hearing aids/cochlear implants - Passed within **SB 79**.
- **Senate Bill 603:** Repeals the sunset provision on electronic monitoring programs - Passed within **House Bill 495**.

Bills Sen. McCreery supported include:

- **Senate Bill 105:** Makes selling certain invasive plants illegal in Missouri.
- **Senate Bill 516:** Modifies certain provisions relating to the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund.

To view all bills passed this session by the Missouri General Assembly, scan the QR code below or visit senate.mo.gov.



Senate Bill 66, Sen. McCreery's bill banning child marriage in Missouri, passed within **Senate Bill 43** and **House Bill 737**. Senator McCreery believes raising the age of marriage to 18 for all parties involved will protect children, especially young girls.

Child marriage puts children at higher risk of mental and physical health issues, intimate partner abuse, social isolation and poverty. Data also shows that these marriages can put children at risk by creating an ideal environment for trafficking. Passing legislation that banned child marriage was not only a legislative imperative, but also a moral one for Sen. McCreery.



HELPING SENIORS STAY IN THEIR HOMES



Senate Bill 64, Sen. McCreery's circuit breaker bill, which will benefit nearly 300,000 Missourians, passed within **House Bill 594**. The Missouri Property Tax Credit offsets costs related to property taxes, but income eligibility guidelines and tax credit amounts haven't changed since 2008. To reflect the current economy, SB 64 increases the maximum income limit and maximum credit amount and ties both to inflation.

CHRIS SIFFORD DAY

In fall of 2000, tragedy struck when the plane carrying then-governor Mel Carnahan, his son Randy Carnahan, and advisor Chris Sifford, crashed in bad weather. Senator McCreery filed **Senate Bill 156**, which passed within **Senate Bill 348**, to designate Aug. 6 - Chris' birthday - as Chris Sifford Day in Missouri. August 6 each year will be a time for Missourians to reflect on the lives and legacies of these three men and recognize and appreciate all of Missouri's hardworking public servants.

SAVING LIVES



The number one cause of death for student athletes is sudden cardiac arrest. Cardiac emergency response plans can increase sudden cardiac arrest survival rates by more than 50%. Senator McCreery's **Senate Bill 155**, which requires schools to have response plans in place for cardiac incidents during school hours and at school-sponsored events, passed within **Senate Bill 68**.

SESSION OVERVIEW



TWO CALLS FOR EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

In June, lawmakers returned to the Capitol for an extraordinary session called by the governor. Most of the legislation included various funding mechanisms for the streamlining of federal aid to Missourians who were impacted by this year's devastating storms. One provision funded construction projects that failed to pass during regular session. Another reason for the extraordinary session was to help certain professional sports teams fund new or improved stadiums. Senator McCreery voted no on the sports funding legislation because she believes professional sports teams need to pay their own way, especially in the wake of these natural disasters, and money should be saved to meet the future needs of Missourians.

A second extraordinary session convened in September to change Missouri's congressional map and initiative petition process. Senator McCreery opposed both measures. She believes Missouri's map should be representative of the people.



Senator McCreery also believes majority rule should be preserved in the initiative petition process, allowing Missourians to move change forward through grassroots efforts. Senator McCreery was touched by the thousands of Missourians who came to the Capitol to protest these changes.

Three P.Q. motions were used during the second extraordinary session to forward and pass the majority's conservative agenda without debate. First used in the Missouri Senate in 1867, a P.Q. or "previous question" motion ends debate and forces a vote. This procedural move, which is routinely used in the Missouri House but seldom used in the Senate, has been used five times in the Senate this year.

\$48.172 BILLION STATE OPERATING BUDGET

The governor issued 208 vetoes and 32 expenditure restrictions to the state operating budget passed by the General Assembly. No budget items were overturned during the constitutionally mandated veto session in September.

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



MINORITY FILIBUSTER

The minority party filibustered for nearly ten hours to negotiate significant improvements to the public safety bill, **House Bill 495**. Language criminalizing certain protests was removed, restitution for wrongly convicted individuals was increased, safety for incarcerated pregnant women was enhanced, and a Missing and Murdered African American Woman and Girls Task Force was created.

OPPOSED BILLS

Senate Bill 4: Senator McCreery was able to negotiate several provisions to protect against shutoffs and strengthen the voice of consumers, but she voted no on this omnibus utility bill because she believes it will raise Missourians' utility rates.

Senate Bill 22: Senator McCreery voted no on SB 22, which allows the secretary of state to rewrite ballot summaries if a court finds them insufficient or unfair. Senator McCreery believes SB 22 undermines election integrity. The American Civil Liberties Union has already filed suit over this bill.

P.Q. motions were used to end debate and pass two bills opposed by Sen. McCreery. **House Bill 567** repeals paid sick leave and parts of the minimum wage increase included in Proposition A, which Missouri voters passed in 2024. **House Joint Resolution 73** aims to overturn many of Amendment 3's reproductive rights protections, which were also approved by Missouri voters in 2024. This bill prohibits abortions except in cases of medical emergency, fatal fetal anomaly, rape or incest. The exceptions are invalidated if the pregnancy has passed 12 weeks. The new law would also expand the government's authority to restrict abortions.

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