

# 2019 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



STATE SENATOR  
**CALEB ROWDEN**

BOONE & COOPER COUNTIES



19TH DISTRICT



# SUCSESSES OF THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND SENATE LEADERSHIP

The General Assembly passed legislation addressing our state's workforce development and infrastructure needs. In addition, we were able to pass an important piece of health care legislation intended to help Missouri families who suffer from developmental or physical disabilities. Please visit [senate.mo.gov/legislation](https://senate.mo.gov/legislation) to see every bill we passed this session and which bills were signed by the governor.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Senate Bill 68** is a workforce development measure that includes the Fast-Track Workforce Incentive Grant. This program gives adults 25 years and older the opportunity to receive valuable training and the education needed to obtain a skilled job. Please visit [dhewd.mo.gov/initiatives/fast\\_track.php](https://dhewd.mo.gov/initiatives/fast_track.php) for more information and to see if you qualify for the program. Another component of SB 68 is the Missouri One Start Program (formerly the Missouri Works Training Program). This legislation allows the Department of Economic Development to pay for a portion of training costs for new employees of a qualified business. This provides an incentive for businesses to hire new employees and retain those employees for at least five years. Workforce development was one of the governor's top priorities this year, and I look forward to seeing the implementation of the Fast-Track Workforce Incentive Grant and the continuation of the Missouri One Start Program. I believe both of these programs will strengthen our workforce and boost our state's economy.

## HELPING MISSOURI FAMILIES

One of the most important health care measures my colleagues and I discussed this session was **House Bill 399**, which expands health care coverage to add therapeutic care for developmental or physical disabilities to the insurance mandate for autism spectrum disorders. Unfortunately, HB 399 was vetoed by the governor, but the language from HB 399 was added to **Senate Bill 514**, a health care reform bill. Senate Bill 514 was signed by the governor, so the addition of therapeutic care to the insurance mandate is now law. I had many constituents visit my office and advocate for this important issue, and I was proud to support this measure to help Missouri families.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 14** allows the state to issue bonds to pay for the repair or replacement of more than 200 bridges across the state. This legislation generates \$301 million in funding to address several critical areas of our state's infrastructure network, and includes language stating the Missouri Department of Transportation can only use this funding if they receive an \$81 million grant from the federal Department of Transportation. The federal grant was approved, and it will enable MoDOT to replace the Interstate 70 bridge at Rocheport. I would like to thank the leaders of the city of Columbia, the city of Boonville and Boone and Cooper counties who have committed \$4.2 million in local funds to help fund this important project.

## SENATE LEADERSHIP

This session, I had the honor of serving as the Senate majority floor leader. I was grateful for the opportunity to serve our state in this unique way.

One of the majority floor leader's biggest responsibilities is creating the calendar, the order in which proposed bills will be debated before the Senate.

It was a great pleasure to serve you and my fellow senators in this role, and I am proud of our accomplishments this year. Thank you for your continued support.

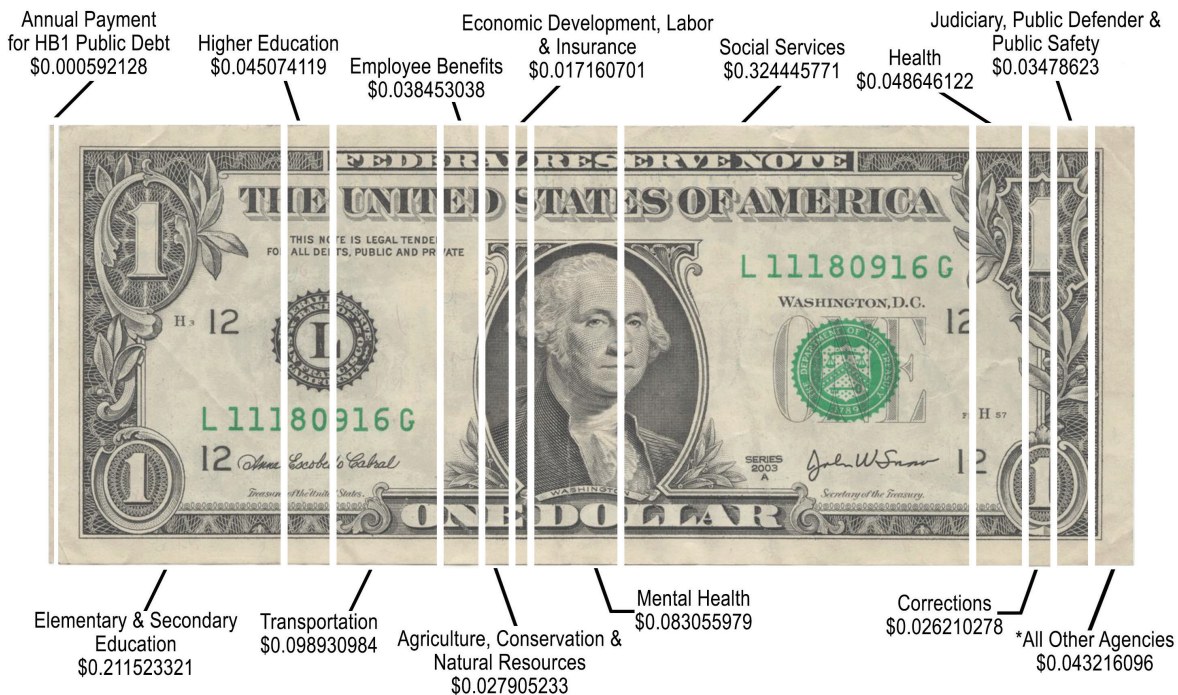


# THE STATE OF MISSOURI'S FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

Each year, the General Assembly must create and approve a state budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020 is \$29.657 billion and provides funding for every state agency and department.

## DISTRIBUTION OF EACH DOLLAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

All Funds: \$29.657 Billion



\* Includes: Revenue, Office of Administration, Elected Officials, General Assembly, and Statewide Real Estate

### K-12 EDUCATION

Once again, we fully funded the Foundation Formula for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the 2020 fiscal year, and the department was given more funding this fiscal year than it has ever received before. The Foundation Formula is an attempt to equally distribute state funds to all the public school districts in Missouri. Our public schools educate and mentor our future leaders, so it is especially important we fully fund the formula and continue to support our public schools.

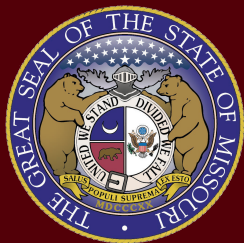
### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM

The University of Missouri system received \$400 million in funding for the upcoming fiscal year. This vital funding will help the UM system continue to provide an excellent education for our students, while giving the universities the resources they need to expand and offer new opportunities throughout our state. The University of Missouri-Columbia received \$10 million for the development of the Translational Precision Medicine Complex. I am thrilled Mizzou received this funding, and I look forward to the construction of this new research facility.

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Dear friends and neighbors,

This legislative report highlights several important issues my colleagues and I worked on during the 2019 legislative session. Inside are explanations of several key pieces of legislation, as well as an overview of the Fiscal Year 2020 state operating budget. My Capitol office is available to assist you, and I welcome your comments, questions and concerns regarding our state government.

  
Senator Caleb Rowden



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