

July 19, 2022

The 2022 Missouri legislative session ended on May 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Governor Mike Parson was constitutionally required to act on appropriation bills by June 30 and policy bills by July 14 (unless the bill was passed, signed, and delivered to the Governor prior to May 17).

For the past eight weeks, gubernatorial staff and executive leadership have been reviewing the 60 bills that passed to determine the final action. The Governor vetoed four bills and signed all remaining 56 bills. To review the full list of bills that were Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed during the 2022 legislative session with the Governor's actions, please [click here](#).

The remaining weeks of summer will mostly consist of interim committee hearings, fundraisers and campaigning. We will continue to keep you updated. The primary election is on August 2. Don't forget to exercise your franchise and vote!

Statistical Breakdown:

Total number of bills, concurrent resolutions, and joint resolutions proposed: 2,252

- Senate: 657
- House: 1,595

Total number of bills passed: 60

- Senate: 17
- House: 43

* 19 of these bills are Appropriation Bills

Total number of bills signed by the Governor: 40 HBs, 16 SBs

*37 policy bills and 19 appropriation and supplemental appropriation bills

Total number of bills vetoed by the Governor: 4

In The News...

- Missourians experiencing a mental health crisis will now only have to remember three numbers, 9-8-8. The hotline attached to the shortened number went live in Missouri over the weekend. 988 is a national initiative, simplifying and improving the services of the previous National Suicide Prevention hotline. 1-800-273-8255, the previous hotline number, will continue to function and both numbers will connect callers to the same services. Those seeking mental health services can also text the 988 number.
- Effective July 15, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a declaration that a federal public health emergency is still in existence related to COVID-19. The previous declaration was set to expire July 15, 2022. The renewal will be effective for 90 days or until Thursday, October 13, 2022.
- **FY2022 ENDS WITH NET GENERAL REVENUE UP 14.6 PERCENT** - The 2022 fiscal year ended June 30 with net state general revenue collections for the year up 14.6 percent compared to FY 2021, going from \$11.24 billion last year to \$12.88 billion this year. Net

general revenue collections had increased 13.9 percent through the first 11 months of FY 2022 before a strong June pushed the percentage growth for the year even higher. Net revenue collections for June 2022 increased 20.5 percent compared to those for June 2021, going from \$1.22 billion last year to \$1.47 billion this year. The state operating budget for the 2023 fiscal year, which began July 1, authorizes \$12.5 billion in general revenue spending.

In Committee This Week:

The Senate Interim Committee on Education convened Monday morning to consider a presentation from Commissioner Margie Vandeven regarding the Missouri School Improvement (MSIP) cycle six. During the hearing, Chairman Senator Karla Eslinger (R-Wasola) stated hearings will be held to gather information which can continue to enhance public and charter school education and learn more about the transition to the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) cycle six for the 2025 school year. Senator Eslinger also stated the purpose of the committee is to gather information to make recommendations to increase transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the education system.

The Commissioner provided an overview of the inception and evolution of MSIP since 1990. Commissioner Vandeven stated the first three cycles were establishing the program and the metrics best suited to analyze each school district and individual student's growth and achievement. She then discussed cycles four and five were modified to add metrics regarding success readiness for students and yearly accreditation measures for school districts. Finally, she informed the committee how cycle six will differ from the previous five. Cycle six will include a competency-based testing system to determine any student deficits derived from the pandemic. During the presentation, Commissioner Vandeven also informed the committee that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has currently been receiving comments on their website, but they also have an open forum meeting scheduled August 22nd to allow public comment regarding the next cycle. Senators on the committee noted the new cycle's focus on performance measures could affect the foundation formula and renew the discussion regarding funding equity.

Commissioner Vandeven also provided an overview of the accreditation system for school districts and how the State Board of Education rates and values each school district. These values can include student performance, growth rate, proficiency, attendance rates, and graduation rates. She noted the rating process has now been set for the next school year after receiving public comments from educators, parents, and administrators for the last year.

An update regarding the influx of funding and the effect of legislation passed during the 2022 legislative session was also given to the committee. A program to develop a statewide literacy assessment is currently being developed by the department and current educators are being given additional training regarding literacy competency for early childhood. New state assessment testing is also being developed which disallows scores to be used in a punitive fashion in school districts. They are also working on the DESE website to make it easier for the public to access the data available on the site. Finally, there is a blue-ribbon commission which has been studying

how to attract and keep teachers statewide and increase teacher pay and will be releasing their findings by the middle of October.

The next Senate Interim Committee on Education hearing is scheduled for August 17 and public testimony will be accepted during that time. A press release regarding the information they are looking for will be released before the hearing for those wishing to testify.

Upcoming Committee Hearings:

7/19/2022, 10:30am Senate-Administration - Committee Hearing RM 326

A vote may be taken to hold a closed meeting pursuant to Section 610.022.2 relating to closed meetings and Section 610.021 (3) relating to personnel matters and Section 610.021 (1) relating to legal matters; and section 610.021 (18) and (19) relating to security.

7/20/2022, 1:00pm Senate Interim Committee on Illegal Immigration

Committee hearing will be held at Lebanon-Laclede County Library, 915 South Jefferson Avenue, Lebanon, MO 65536

Testimony regarding workers being brought to Missouri illegally who do not pay taxes or follow Missouri labor laws.

Only individuals or organizations testifying in person will be entered into the committee minutes.

7/27/2022, 11:00am House Interim Committee on Veterans Mental Health and Suicide – Committee Hearing, HR 7

This hearing will focus on the mental health part of suicide with program presentations by the Missouri Veterans Commission, Missouri Department of Mental Health and other mental health organizations.

Key Upcoming Dates:

- August 2, 2022 – Missouri Primary Election
- August 28, 2022 – Date Most Legislation Takes Effect (unless another date is specified)
- September 14, 2022 – Veto Session
- November 8, 2022 – Missouri General Election
- December 1, 2022 – First day of pre-bill filing for the 2023 legislative session

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