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Good morning from the Sunshine State! I hope everyone had a fabulous Fourth of July!

Yesterday, Governor Mike Parson (R - Missouri) took action on all remaining legislation passed by the state legislature during the 2023 regular session. He signed 31 pieces of legislation into law and vetoed Senate Bill 189. SB189 modified provisions related to public safety. In a press release, Governor Parson provided the following reasons for his decision to veto SB189:

Section 610.140 - could allow criminals convicted of sexual offenses, including sexual exploitation of a minor or the promotion of child pornography, to have their records expunged and be removed from the sex offender registry. The provisions include changes regarding how expungement requests are evaluated but does not provide details regarding standards of proof to be evaluated by the courts.

Section 650.058 - expands the qualifications for restitution from those who are exonerated based on DNA evidence to those who were later determined to be innocent through a habeas corpus proceeding and those whose convictions are set aside per a prosecutor's motion to vacate the judgment. The change also increases the restitution amount by more than 75 percent for eligible individuals. This provision requires the State to pay the expanded and increased restitution requirements; however, Governor Parson does not believe every taxpayer across the State should be responsible for prosecutorial errors made at the local level.

Governor Parson said the following about SB189:

"SB 189 contains many public safety measures that we support and would like to sign into law, including Blair's Law, Max's Law, increased penalties for violent repeat offenders and gun crimes, and strengthening the public defender system," **Governor Parson** said. "However, in this case, these unintended consequences unfortunately outweigh the good. Missourians know I am a law and order Governor and that improving public safety is a cornerstone of our administration, but I cannot sign this bill with these provisions as they are currently written."

His veto letter is available [online](#).

Governor Mike Parson did sign bills including the following pieces of legislation:

- Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 7 - America 250 Missouri Commission
- SB 20 - modifies provisions related to retirement
- SB 24 - creates new provisions relating to vulnerable persons
- SB 28 - modifies provisions relating to access to public records of the Missouri State Highway Patrol
- SB 34 - allows Missouri school districts and charter schools to offer elective social studies courses on Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament
- SB 35 - modifies provisions relating to child custody and child support enforcement
- SB 40 - modifies provisions relating to background check requirements for employment in certain fields
- SB 45 - modifies provisions relating to health care
- SB 63 - creates new provisions relating to financial institutions
- SB 70 - modifies license reciprocity provisions and adopts the Counseling Interstate Compact for professional counselors

- SB 75 - modifies provisions relating to retirement systems
- SB 94 - establishes tax credits for the production of certain entertainment
- SB 101 - enacts provisions relating to property and casualty insurance
- SB 103 - modifies judicial proceedings
- SB 106 - modifies provisions relating to public health
- SB 109 - modifies provisions relating to mining
- SB 116 - modifies provisions relating to the disposition of the dead
- SB 127 - enacts state designations marked by the Missouri Department of Transportation
- SB 138 - modifies and creates new provisions relating to agriculture
- SB 139 - enacts provisions relating to state designations
- SB 157 - modifies provisions relating to professions requiring licensure
- SB 186 - modifies provisions relating to public safety
- SB 190 - modifies provisions relating to tax relief for seniors
- SB 227 - modifies provisions relating to the culpable mental state necessary for a homicide offense
- SB 398 - enacts provisions relating to motor vehicles
- House Bill (HB) 115 - modifies provisions relating to licensing of health care professionals
- HB 202 - modifies provisions relating to environmental regulation
- HB 402 - modifies provisions relating to health care
- HB 417 - provides incentives for certain individuals to obtain employment-related skills
- HB 447 - modifies the duties of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- HB 802 - authorizes the conveyance of certain state property

A list of the legislation Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed is available on the Missouri Senate [website](#).

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