



July 11, 2025

This week, Governor Mike Kehoe attended several meetings and events across the state and held several official bill signings for legislation passed by the General Assembly. In total, he signed 23 pieces of legislation into law and a mere twelve bills remain unsigned. The Governor has until Monday, July 14th to continue reviewing legislation and either sign or veto.

Specific legislation that was signed this week, includes:

[HB 121](#), sponsored by **Representative Jim Murphy** and **Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman**, establishes the "Safe Place for Newborns Fund" for installing newborn safety incubators.

- Extends Missouri's Safe Haven law and creates the "Safe Place for Newborns Fund," giving parents in crisis a secure and anonymous option to safely surrender their child.
- Establishes the Zero-Cost Adoption Fund to support families during the adoption process with non-recurring expenses and post-adoption assistance.
- Expands tax credit programs that support maternity homes and diaper banks.

[HB 199](#), sponsored by **Representative Bill Falkner** and **Senator David Gregory**, allows a special entertainment district to be established in downtown St. Louis and also modifies over 30 additional provisions relating to political subdivisions.

- Allows the St. Charles Conventions and Sports Facilities Authority to receive a state tax incremental financing (TIF) district without first having a local TIF.
- Allows Benton, Camden, Miller, and Morgan counties, as well as the City of Lake Ozark, to establish entertainment districts.
- Extends eligibility to the St. Louis Port Authority for the Waterways and Ports Trust Fund.
- Clarifies that the Kansas City Mayor must appoint commissioners to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority from candidate panels submitted by the Clay or Platte County Commissions when their respective seats on the board become vacant.
- Enables the establishment of a Clay County Sports Complex Authority, with similar powers and processes to those of the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority.

[HB 296](#), sponsored by **Representative Jim Kalberloh** and **Senator Rusty Black**, modifies provisions relating to school personnel.

- Expands substitute teaching eligibility for retired teachers.

- Requires background checks to be conducted on all personnel employed by charter schools, consistent with public school requirements.
- Raises the age for driver's license renewal exams for school bus-endorsed drivers from 70 to 75 and adjusts the renewal requirements from annual to biennial.

[HB 419](#), sponsored by **Representative Don Mayhew** and **Senator Sandy Crawford**, modifies several provisions relating to education.

- Requires the Missouri State High School Activities Association to waive the minimum practice requirement for all students who are active-duty military, including active-duty Army National Guard and Army Reserve.
- Establishes a separate custodial account with the State Treasurer to deposit the moneys from the University of Missouri's Seminary Fund to support agricultural programs at the University and general operations at Missouri University of Science and Technology.
- Expands healthcare workforce recruitment by giving the Department of Health and Senior Services flexibility to approve more medical training programs for loan repayment

[HB 516](#), sponsored by **Representative Mark Matthiesen** and **Senator Nick Schroer**, modifies criteria of radioactive waste investigations and allows for increased appropriations to the radioactive waste investigations fund.

[HB 567](#), sponsored by **Representative Sherri Gallick** and **Senator Mike Bernskoetter**, modifies provisions relating to employee compensation.

- Maintains the state's minimum wage law at \$15 per hour, repealing the annual Consumer Price Index adjustment, and extends the wage requirement to public employers as well as private.
- Repeals onerous paid sick leave mandates on Missouri small businesses, including:
 - Requirements dictating when and how paid leave must be provided.
 - Burdensome record keeping and compliance obligations.

[HB 594](#), sponsored by **Representative Chad Perkins** and **Senator Curtis Trent**, introduces or modifies provisions relating to taxation.

- Authorizes an income tax deduction for all capital gains reported for federal tax purposes by individuals in tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025.
 - This tax cut will be extended to corporations once Missouri's income tax rate falls to 4.5 percent or lower.
- Makes several modifications to the Senior Citizens Property Tax (PTC) "Circuit Breaker" Program.
 - Increases the PTC for eligible taxpayers from \$1,000 to \$1,550 for homeowners and from \$750 to \$1,055 for renters, effective Jan. 1, 2026, with annual CPI adjustments moving forward.
- Exempts diapers, incontinence products, and feminine hygiene products from state and local sales and use taxes.

[HB 737](#), sponsored by **Representative Melissa Schmidt** and **Senator Jamie Burger**, modifies provisions relating to the protection of children.

- Guarantees federal benefits are securely allocated to individual beneficiaries currently in the foster care system to help establish their future financial stability.
- Strengthens legal options for families by establishing the “Child and Family Legal Representation Coordinating Commission,” to ensure families have uniform, high-quality legal representation.
- Improves child and youth placement processes.

[HB 754](#), sponsored by **Representative Philip Oehlerking** and **Senator Sandy Crawford**, modifies standards for certain financial organizations.

[HB 1041](#), sponsored by **Representative Dane Diehl** and **Senator Kurtis Gregory**, which modifies regulations for alcoholic beverages.

- Reduces the malt liquor tax from \$1.86 per barrel to \$0.62 per barrel for all malt liquors produced at American Breweries.
- Expands current law to allow wine, beer, malt liquor, and spirits to be donated by manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and unlicensed persons to charitable or religious organizations and educational institutions for auction or raffle.
- Expands current law to allow cash rebate coupons for wine and liquor sales.
- Increases revenues deposited into the Missouri Wine and Grape Fund from \$0.12/gallon of wine sold to \$0.21/gallon, allowing the Missouri Wine and Grape Board to use the additional revenue to support the University of Missouri’s Grape and Wine Institute.
- Allows entities licensed to sell liquor by the drink for consumption on their licensed premises to be open 24 hours a day and serve alcohol from 6 a.m. to 5 a.m. the following day during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

[SB 2](#), sponsored by **Senator Sandy Crawford** and **Representative Peggy McGaugh**, modifies provisions relating to financial statements of certain local governments.

[SB 3](#), sponsored by **Senator Sandy Crawford** and **Representative Dave Hinman**, modifies or enacts provisions relating to Department of Revenue fee offices.

[SB 43](#), sponsored by **Senator Travis Fitzwater** and **Representative Wendy Hausman**, modifies provisions relating to protecting vulnerable persons.

- Increases the protections and rights of children and vulnerable persons in legal proceedings.
- Strengthens criminal provisions and penalties to help combat sexual abuse and trafficking in Missouri.
- Expands tax credits to encourage more donations to organizations that help support children and youth.

[SB 49](#), sponsored by **Senator Rusty Black** and **Representative Brad Banderman**, authorizes school districts and charter schools to employ or accept chaplains as volunteers.

[SB 63](#), sponsored by **Senator Ben Brown** and **Representative Dirk Deaton**, allows homeschool students to participate in school activities within their respective district, requires an intent to homeschool declaration, and exempts Family Paced Education from background clearance check requirements.

[SB 68](#), sponsored by **Senator Mike Henderson** and **Representative Bill Allen**, creates, repeals, and modifies provisions relating to elementary and secondary education.

- Directs all school districts and charter schools to implement a written policy, starting in the 2025-26 school year, banning the use or display of students' electronic personal communication devices throughout the day – including during class, meals, breaks, and study hall.
- Improves school safety measures including:
 - Requires cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.
 - Requires school districts and charter schools to adopt a comprehensive emergency operations plan covering school safety, emergency response, prevention, and recovery.
 - Directs districts to designate a primary and secondary school safety coordinator and defines the job duties, trainings, and expectations for this position.
 - Requires local educational agencies report all school safety incidents and credible threats to DESE. DESE will maintain a regularly updated database of these incidents and threats and share this data with DPS.
- Expands the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Scholarship to cover educational costs related to teacher preparation.

[SB 71](#), sponsored by **Senator David Gregory** and **Representative Dave Hinman**, contains provisions relating to public safety.

- Establishes the Public Safety Recruitment and Retention Act, providing financial aid to eligible public safety personnel and their dependent children to help cover the cost of college tuition and fees for certain majors.
- Public safety personnel with at least 6 years of service and the dependent children of public safety personnel with at least ten years of service are eligible to receive 100% tuition coverage if they agree to live in Missouri until they complete their degree or for five years from the date, they first receive tuition assistance.
- Authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Retirement System of St. Louis to also serve as the board of trustees of the St. Louis Firefighter's Retirement Plan, which also provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for firefighters employed by the City of St. Louis.
- Strengthens penalties for burglary and motor vehicle-related crimes committed with the intent to steal, including:
- Classifies the entrance of a vehicle with the intent to steal or commit a felony as a class D felony, which is then elevated to a class C felony if such an act is committed while in possession of a firearm or stolen firearm from the vehicle.
- Classifies the act of unlawfully gaining entry into a motor vehicle, initiated by the lifting of a door handle or otherwise testing the doors and locks in an attempt to gain entry for the purpose of stealing, as a class A misdemeanor.
- Extends the Line of Duty Compensation Act, which provides for compensation for a public safety officer killed in the line of duty.

[SB 98](#), sponsored by **Senator Sandy Crawford** and **Representative Bill Owen**, modifies various provisions relating to financial institutions.

[SB 150](#), sponsored by **Senator Jill Carter** and **Representative Ann Kelley**, creates, repeals, and modifies provisions relating to workforce development initiatives.

- Creates a temporary license that allows childcare providers currently licensed and in good standing to expand their current operations while the additional licensure requirements are being completed.
- Raises the Access Missouri financial assistance award for students attending public two- and four-year institutions.
- Expands the eligible use of the A+ Scholarship program to include career-technical education certificates offered outside traditional higher education settings, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

[SB 152](#), sponsored by **Senator Ben Brown** and **Representative Jim Murphy**, which bans foreign nationals from contributing donations to campaign committees for ballot measures, and

[SB 160](#), sponsored by **Senator Brad Hudson** and **Representative Darin Chappell**, establishes provisions relating to educational institutions.

- Establishes the Missouri Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act to prevent discrimination based on a person's hair texture or protective hairstyle if commonly associated with a particular race or origin in elementary and secondary educational institutions.
- Prohibits higher education institutions from taking adverse action against a student group due to the group's beliefs or of its leaders.
- Establishes Danny's Law, which provides limited immunity to individuals who participated in hazing when they contacted authorities, sought immediate medical attention, provided necessary information to authorities, and remained on scene to assist the victim until authorities arrived.
- Authorizes Missouri State University to offer research PhDs degrees in disciplines other than engineering and Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Medicine.

[SB 218](#), sponsored by **Senator Rusty Black** and **Representative Cameron Parker**, which modernizes court operations and enhances judicial efficiency, during an in-office signing ceremony.

[SB 221](#), sponsored by **Senator Nick Schroer** and **Representative Ben Keathley**, modifies the standard of review for agency interpretation of statutes, rules, regulations, and subregulatory document.

[SCR 3](#), sponsored by **Senator Jill Carter** and **Representative Cathy Lo Joy**, expands the mission of Missouri Southern State University from operating as a statewide institution of international or global education to also include health and life sciences and immersive learning experiences.

Upcoming Committee Hearings

7/16/25 10:00 AM House-Utilities

Committee Hearing, HR 7

Discussion will focus on the future of nuclear energy in Missouri. Presentations by Doug True- Nuclear Energy Institute, Chief Nuclear Officer and Dr. Joseph Newkirk- S&T, Department Chair and Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiation Science

7/16/25 11:00 AM House-Special Interim Committee on Property Tax Reform

Committee Hearing, HR 3

Organizational meeting. Public testimony will be taken.

7/23/25 2:00 PM Joint Committee on Tax Policy

Committee Hearing, Joint Committee Room (Room 117)

Organizational meeting

7/30/25 5:30 PM House-Special Interim Committee on Property Tax Reform

Committee Hearing, Wallace Center, 325 Harwood Avenue, Lebanon, MO

8/13/25 5:30 PM House-Special Interim Committee on Property Tax Reform

Committee Hearing, Board Room at Union Station, 30 W Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO

8/20/25 5:30 PM House-Special Interim Committee on Property Tax Reform

Committee Hearing, Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Ave, Clayton, MO

8/27/25 5:30 PM House-Special Interim Committee on Property Tax Reform

Committee Hearing, Macon Comfort Inn, 1821 N Missouri, Macon, MO

9/3/25 11:00 AM House-Special Interim Committee on Property Tax Reform

Committee Hearing, HR 3

Key Upcoming Dates

- July 14, 2025 – Deadline for Governor to act on policy bills
- August 28, 2025 – Effective date for most new laws
- September 10, 2025 – Veto session
- December 1, 2025 – Start of prefilings for 2026 legislation

January 7, 2026 – Start of 2026 legislative session

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