

The Missouri Legislative Update

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Passed

- **GM Incentives Package-**
 - **SB68 (Hough/Wiemann)**
 - Will create a new automotive manufacturer's portion of the Missouri Works program which could provide up to \$50 million in tax credits for GM.

Passed

- **Workforce Development**
 - **SB68 (Hough/Wiemann)**
 - *One Start workforce training program*
 - *Deal Closing Fund*
 - *Fast Track scholarships*

Passed

- **Tort Reform**

- **SB224 (Luetkemeyer/Schroer)**

- Modify numerous Supreme Court rules relating to discovery in civil and criminal cases

- **SB7 (Emery/Kolkmeier)**

- Venue/Joinder-This bill will restrict the ability of plaintiffs with no connection to Missouri from bringing mass and class action suits to our state

Passed

- **Enterprise Center and Jackson County Sports Complex**
 - **HB677 (Patterson/Cierpiot)**
 - Will allow the Enterprise Center in St. Louis to access up to \$70 million in state funds to help finance the cost of infrastructure and public safety improvements to the complex. The legislation will also extend authorization for the State to continue appropriating \$3 million in annual payments to Arrowhead and Kauffman stadiums in Jackson County and \$2 million annually to the Bartle Hall convention center in Kansas City for the next 10 years.

Passed

- **Abortion Restrictions**

- **HB126 (Schroer/Koenig)**

- No abortions after 8 weeks
- Mandatory increase in physician medical malpractice insurance
- Potential jail time for anyone performing abortions after 8 weeks
- Expands pregnancy resource center tax credits
- *ACLU filed a referendum on 5/28/19 in an attempt to ask voters to repeal this law*

Passed

- **Bonding for Transportation**

- **SCR14 (Schatz/Ruth)**

- Allows the state to begin issuing bonds totaling \$301 million in fiscal year 2021 to repair roads and bridges, but only if the state wins \$172 million in a federal INFRA grant

Passed

- **Border War**
 - **SB182 (Cierpiot/J.Coleman)**
 - Prohibits the offering of tax incentives to companies that would move from the metro Kansas City counties in Kansas to those in Missouri on the condition that Kansas would adopt similar legislation

Failed

- **Halting Grain Belt Express**

- **HB1062(Hansen)**

- Would have prohibited the use of eminent domain for the development of a wind transmission line from Western Kansas, through Missouri and Illinois.

Failed

- **Clean(er) Missouri**
 - **HJR48 (Plocher/Rowden)**
 - Would have put before voters a question about redistricting, lobbying and term limits
 - Would have sent a question to the voters about undoing the redistricting portion of Clean Missouri passed by voters in 2018

Failed

- **Gaming**
 - **Video Lottery**
 - Would have legalized the practice of video lottery terminals
 - **Sports Betting**
 - Legalize wagering on sports since a landmark ruling by the U.S Supreme Court May, 2018.

Failed

- **Education Reform**

- **Charter Accountability/Expansion (Roeber/Eigel)**

- Would have increased accountability on charter schools and expanded the number of districts where charter schools are allowed to exist.

- **Education Savings Accounts (Koenig/Christofaneli)**

- Allow donors to certain organizations to receive a tax credit for their donations. The donations would be used for school tuition or other approved education expenses.

Failed

- **Wayfair (Koenig/Eggleston)**
 - Neither chamber was able to agree on a compromise for how to collect and distribute online sales tax

Failed

- **PDMP (Rehder/Luetkemeyer)**

- Making Missouri the 50th state to adopt a prescription drug monitoring program to help combat opioid addiction.

Failed

- **LHITC SB28 (Hegegman/Gregory)**

- would have reduced the State's annual allocation of 9% credits from 100% of the annual federal allocation to 72.5%.
- It would have reduced the State's annual allocation of 4% credits from \$6 million to \$4 million.
- It would also have allowed any unused dollars reserved for 4% credits to be issued as 9% credits.
- Disagreements arose over:
 - A scoring rubric
 - Limit on annual state allocation for 9% credits
 - Transferability

Failed

- **City/County Merger**

- **HJR54 Plocher**

- Would have required a vote of the impacted jurisdictions after a statewide vote was approved to consolidate jurisdictions.

- **SCR1 Walsh**

- Add to public record that General Assembly's opposition to any statewide vote or legislative mandate to reorganize the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County governments

Failed

- **TIF**

- **SB108 (Koenig)**

- Required a study which details how the area meets the definition of an area eligible to receive tax increment financing.
- The bill would have modified the definitions of "blighted area" and "conservation area."
- The bill also would have provided that retail projects shall not receive tax increment financing unless such financing is exclusively utilized to fund retail infrastructure projects, as defined in the bill, or unless such area is a blighted or conservation area.
- The bill would have limited the usage of TIFs within the City of St. Louis to areas with high rates of poverty.
- The bill would also have prohibited new projects from being authorized in any Greenfield area.
- Finally, the bill would have prohibited new projects from being authorized in an area designated as a flood plain by the Federal Emergency Management Agency unless such projects were located in Jackson, Platte or Clay counties.

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