

**Missouri 2023 Legislative Session Wrap-Up**  
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**Legislative Bills Passed**

**Bills are finalized when signed into law by the Governor and go into effect August 28, 2023.**

The **budget** was approved with many cuts made to the Governor's budget reinstated and other items added. State aid for public libraries was restored, references to DEI were eliminated from budget, and early childhood spending was increased. Increased pay for state workers was put in the supplementary budget was passed. Monies were also budgeted to rebuild interstate 70 across Missouri.

**HB 115/HB 402/SB 157: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses:** Scope of practice expanded.

**HB 115/SB 51/SB 157: Physical Therapists:** existing prohibition to treating a patient unless the patient has been referred by a physician eliminated.

**HB 115/HB 402: Assistant Physicians:** Requires assistant physicians to be a graduate of an accredited medical school instead of any medical school, including those that are not accredited.

**HB 447: Language Development:** Requires MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish language developmental milestones for those under age five who are diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing.

**SB 24: Adoption Tax Credit:** Expands state tax credits for nonrecurring expenses related to adoption. **Early Childhood Education:** Authorizes MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide grants to expand the availability of preschool services.

**SB 45/SB 106: Post-Partum Care:** Expands coverages under Medicaid from 60 days to one year. **Patient Examinations:** Prohibits medical providers from conducting a prostate, anal or pelvic examination on an anesthetized or

unconscious patient without their consent. **Breast Examinations:** Prohibits insurers from requiring patient cost-sharing for diagnostic breast examinations, supplemental breast examinations or low-dose mammography screenings.

**SB 94: Cliff Effect:** Establishes a transitional benefits program for recipients of social safety net programs or child care subsidies to prevent loss of all benefits when participants have a small increase in income. **Entertainment Tax Credits:** Establishes tax breaks to encourage film/television productions to shoot in MO and the creation of other entertainment industry jobs.

**SB 186: Police Training:** Increases minimum state training requirements for law enforcement officers. **Police Accountability:** Expands grounds for which MO Department of Public Safety director may discipline law enforcement officers. **Police Dogs:** Enhances criminal penalties for harming a police animal, making it a felony if the animal requires any level of veterinary care, without regard to whether harm inflicted by someone acting in self-defense. **St. Louis Police Residency:** Makes permanent a provision of law set to expire this year that allows St. Louis city police officers to reside outside of the city.

**SB 190: Taxes on Senior Citizens:** Fully exempts Social Security benefits from state taxation and provides a property tax credit to eligible senior citizens for a home they both own and reside in.

**SB 189: Blair's Law:** Increases criminal penalties for negligently engaging in celebratory gunfire within a municipality.

**SB 398: Motor Vehicle Sales Taxes:** Requires sales taxes on motor vehicles to be collected by the dealer at point of sale instead of at time the vehicle is licensed with the state. **Electronic Devices:** Prohibits texting or using cell phone while driving; unless the driver is using a hands-free device or making a call to report an emergency.

**SB 39: Transgender Sports:** Prohibits transgender athletes from participating on school-sponsored sports teams that don't correspond with their birth gender. Restriction applies to all public/private K-12 schools, and colleges and universities.

**SB 49: Transgender Medical Care:** Makes it illegal to provide gender-affirming medical care to children.

**HB 417: State Employees:** Specifies that state agencies shall not deny otherwise qualified job applicants from consideration solely based on applicant's lack of a college degree.

**HB 417/HB 447: Name, Image and Likeness:** Modifies the state law regulating the ability of college athletes to enter into licensing agreements for use of their "name, image and likeness" to allow for more involvement by and cooperation of the athlete's school.