

Good News

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The 2021 legislative session wrapped up on Friday, May 14th. This year's session commenced under the continuing cloud of COVID-19, and it wasn't clear how things would progress. Several changes were made to the way business is conducted at the Capitol in order to slow the spread of the virus. House and Senate committees, for example, allowed witnesses to submit testimony in writing, rather than requiring them to appear in person. In the House, some committees even allowed witnesses to appear via video. Session started with few members of the public present in the building, and most in attendance wearing masks. By the end of session, however, more people were showing up at the Capitol, including groups of school children, with few masks in sight as vaccines became available.

The big issue facing law makers this year was Medicaid expansion. As we have previously reported, the House and Senate both voted not to include funding for expansion of the program in the FY 2022 budget, despite voters approving the measure during the August 2020 primary election. Most of the legislators cited the lack of support for expansion in their districts and the cost of the program to the state in the future. Several would-be Medicaid recipients have now sued the state to allow them to enroll, and the MCC anticipates a ruling to be issued prior to July 1st. In this issue of *Good News*, you can see how your legislator voted on an amendment offered during debate on the budget that would have funded the program.

You can also see how your legislator voted on an education reform bill that creates a scholarship program to allow students to attend private school. The legislation creates a tax credit for donations people and businesses make to education scholarship organizations. Individuals can claim a state tax credit amounting to 100% of their donation, up to 50% of their state tax liability. The scholarship-granting organizations, in turn, grant scholarships to students currently attending public school who either have an individualized education plan (IEP) reflecting a learning disability of some kind, or whose parents earn less than 100% of the amount necessary to qualify for free and reduced lunch. Donors are not able to make donations to benefit their own children.

Read more in the pages of this *Good News*.



Pro-Life Legislation

Two bills that encourage adoption and foster care passed this session, and have already been signed by Governor Parson. HBs 429 and 430, both sponsored by Representative Hannah Kelly (R-Mountain Grove), will expand the current adoption tax credit to apply to all adoptions in the state, rather than just special needs adoptions, providing adoptive parents up to \$10,000 in tax credits for one-time adoption expenses. The bills will also allow Missourians who serve as foster parents for at least six months in any year to receive a tax credit to cover the cost of providing that care up to \$2,500 per taxpayer or \$5,000 for married couples.

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Juvenile Justice Reform

The 2021 legislative session ended with several reforms of the criminal justice system. SB 53, an omnibus public safety bill, includes language implementing legislation passed several years ago raising the age at which juvenile offenders can remain in the juvenile justice system from 17 to 18. The bill also provides that juveniles being detained on adult charges be held in juvenile facilities unless a court finds adult prison would be more appropriate after a hearing. SB 26, a separate omnibus public safety bill, includes a provision allowing juveniles sentenced to prison terms longer than 15 years to apply for a sentencing review after serving 15 years.

Earned Income Tax Credit

SB 153, which will require online retailers to collect Missouri sales taxes, also includes a newly created state earned-income tax credit (EITC) as a means of encouraging work. It provides low-income wage earners a state tax credit amounting to between 10 and 20% of the amount they can claim under the federal earned income tax credit. The newly created tax credit is non-refundable and cannot exceed the taxpayer's state tax liability. The new credit can also only be claimed if state revenues increase from prior years at certain thresholds.

Dist.	Legislator	1	2
86	Rep. Joe Adams (D-University City)	N	Y
78	Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
76	Rep. Marlon Anderson (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
1	Rep. Allen Andrews (R-Grant City)	N	N
71	Rep. LaDonna Appelbaum (D-St. Louis)	AL	Y
153	Rep. Darrell Atchison (R-Williamsville)	N	N
14	Rep. Ashley Aune (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
110	Rep. Dottie Bailey (R-Eureka)	Y	N
160	Rep. Ben Baker (R-Neosho)	Y	N
69	Rep. Gretchen Bangert (D-Florissant)	N	Y
82	Rep. Donna Baringer (D-St. Louis)	P	Y
28	Rep. Jerome Barnes (D-Raytown)	AL	Y
47	Rep. Chuck Basye (R-Rochepoint)	Y	N
152	Rep. Hardy Billington (R-Poplar Bluff)	Y	N
137	Rep. John Black (R-Marshfield)	Y	N
7	Rep. Rusty Black (R-Chillicothe)	N	AL
26	Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D-Kansas City)	AL	Y
157	Rep. Mitch Boggs (R-La Russell)	Y	N
79	Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D-St. Louis)	AL	Y
162	Rep. Bob Bromley (R-Carl Junction)	Y	N
16	Rep. Chris Brown (R-Kansas City)	N	Y
70	Rep. Paula Brown (D-Hazelwood)	N	Y
27	Rep. Richard Brown (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
115	Rep. Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway (R-Festus)	Y	N
148	Rep. Jamie Burger (R-Benton)	N	N
19	Rep. Ingrid Burnett (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
92	Rep. Michael Burton (D-Lakeshire)	N	Y
3	Rep. Danny Busick (R-Newton)	Y	N
81	Rep. Steve Butz (D-St. Louis)	AL	Y
120	Rep. Jason Chipman (R-Steelville)	Y	N
105	Rep. Phil Christofanelli (R-St. Peters)	Y	N
72	Rep. Doug Clemens (D-St. Ann)	N	Y
97	Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R-Arnold)	Y	N
32	Rep. Jeff Coleman (R-Grain Valley)	Y	N
77	Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
142	Rep. Bennie Cook (R-Houston)	N	N
143	Rep. Ron Copeland (R-Salem)	N	N
158	Rep. Scott Cupps (R-Shell Knob)	Y	N
130	Rep. Bishop Davidson (R-Republic)	Y	N
56	Rep. Michael Davis (R-Kansas City)	Y	N
159	Rep. Dirk Deaton (R-Noel)	Y	N
101	Rep. Bruce DeGroot (R-Ellisville)	Y	N
140	Rep. Tricia Derges (R-Nixa)	N	AL
144	Rep. Chris Dinkins (R-Annapolis)	Y	N
98	Rep. Shamed Dogan (R-Ballwin)	Y	Y
83	Rep. Jo Doll (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
2	Rep. J. Eggleston (R-Maysville)	Y	N
17	Rep. Mark Ellebracht (D-Liberty)	N	Y
154	Rep. David Evans (R-West Plains)	Y	N
10	Rep. Bill Falkner (R-St. Joseph)	N	Y
136	Rep. Craig Fishel (R-Springfield)	Y	N
49	Rep. Travis Fitzwater (R-Holts Summit)	Y	N
135	Rep. Betsy Fogle (D-Springfield)	N	Y
145	Rep. Rick Francis (R-Perryville)	N	N
75	Rep. Alan Gray (D-Blackjack)	N	Y
51	Rep. Kurtis Gregory (R-Marshall)	Y	AL
96	Rep. David Gregory (R-St. Louis)	Y	N
100	Rep. Derek Grier (R-Chesterfield)	Y	N
61	Rep. Aaron Griesheimer (R-Washington)	Y	N
60	Rep. Dave Griffith (R-Jefferson City)	Y	N
99	Rep. Trish Gunby (D-Ballwin)	N	Y
43	Rep. Kent Haden (R-Mexico)	Y	N
55	Rep. Mike Haffner (R-Pleasant Hill)	Y	N
58	Rep. Willard Haley (R-Eldon)	N	N
65	Rep. Tom Hannegan (R-St. Charles)	Y	N
122	Rep. Bill Hardwick (R-Waynesville)	Y	N
117	Rep. Mike Henderson (R-Bonne Terre)	N	N
102	Rep. Ron Hicks (R-Dardenne Prairie)	Y	N
108	Rep. Justin Hill (R-Lake St. Louis)	Y	N
54	Rep. Dan Houx (R-Warrensburg)	N	N

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Votes of Interest

House Votes

Vote 1 – House Third Read and Passed HB 349. Establishes the “Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program”. (HCS HB 349 House Third Read and Passed; 2/25/2021)

MCC Position: Support

Vote 2 – House voted down an amendment to expand the Medicaid Program in Missouri. (HCS HB 5 HA 5; 03/30/21)

Voting key:

Y — Yes
 N — No
 AL — Absent with leave
 P — Present

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146	Rep. Barry Hovis (R-Cape Girardeau)	Y	AL
138	Rep. Brad Hudson (R-Cape Fair)	Y	N
12	Rep. Josh Hurlbert (R-Smithville)	Y	N
35	Rep. Keri Ingle (D-Lee's Summit)	N	Y
23	Rep. Michael Johnson (D-Kansas City)	N	AL
125	Rep. Jim Kalberloh (R-Lowry City)	N	N
127	Rep. Ann Kelley (R-Lamar)	N	N
141	Rep. Hannah Kelly (R-Mountian Grove)	Y	N
20	Rep. Bill Kidd (R-Buckner)	Y	AL
129	Rep. Jeff Knight (R-Lebanon)	N	N
25	Rep. Patty Lewis (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
6	Rep. Ed Lewis (R-Moberly)	Y	N
64	Rep. Tony Lovasco (R-O'Fallon)	Y	N
87	Rep. Ian Mackey (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
121	Rep. Don Mayhew (R-Crocker)	Y	N
88	Rep. Tracy McCreery (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
150	Rep. Andrew McDaniel (R-Deering)	Y	Y
39	Rep. Peggy McGaughey (R-Carrollton)	N	N
118	Rep. Mike McGirl (R-Potosi)	Y	N
80	Rep. Peter Merideth (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
151	Rep. Herman Morse (R-Dexter)	N	N
68	Rep. Jay Mosley (D-Florissant)	N	Y
94	Rep. Jim Murphy (R-St. Louis)	Y	N
15	Rep. Maggie Nurrenbern (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
95	Rep. Michael O'Donnell (R-St. Louis)	Y	N
131	Rep. Bill Owen (R-Springfield)	Y	N
30	Rep. Jonathan Patterson (R-Lee's Summit)	Y	N
40	Rep. Chad Perkins (R-Bowling Green)	Y	N
74	Rep. Mike Person (D-Ferguson)	N	Y
90	Rep. Barbara Phifer (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
41	Rep. Randy Pietzman (R-Troy)	Y	AL
126	Rep. Patricia Pike (R-Adrian)	N	N
89	Rep. Dean Plocher (R-St. Louis)	Y	N
52	Rep. Brad Pollitt (R-Sedalia)	N	N
123	Rep. Suzie Pollock (R-Lebanon)	Y	N
42	Rep. Jeff Porter (R-Montgomery City)	N	N
13	Rep. Sean Pouche (R-Kansas City)	Y	N
84	Rep. Wiley Price (D-St. Louis)	AL	AL
73	Rep. Raychel Proudie (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
132	Rep. Crystal Quade (D-Springfield)	N	Y
8	Rep. Randy Railsback (R-Hamilton)	N	N
57	Rep. Rodger Reedy (R-Windsor)	N	N
38	Rep. Doug Richey (R-Excelsior Springs)	Y	N
5	Rep. Louis Riggs (R-Hannibal)	Y	N
134	Rep. Alex Riley (R-Springfield)	Y	N
161	Rep. Lane Roberts (R-Joplin)	Y	N
111	Rep. Shane Roden (R-Cedar Hill)	Y	AL
34	Rep. Rick Roeber (R-Lee's Summit)	Y	N
18	Rep. Wes Rogers (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
149	Rep. Don Rone (R-Portageville)	Y	Y
29	Rep. Rory Rowland (D-Independence)	N	Y
114	Rep. Becky Ruth (R-Festus)	N	N
33	Rep. Chris Sander (R-Lone Jack)	Y	N
62	Rep. Bruce Sassmann (R-Bland)	N	N
21	Rep. Robert Sauls (D-Independence)	N	Y
104	Rep. Adam Schnelting (R-St. Charles)	Y	N
107	Rep. Nick Schroer (R-O'Fallon)	Y	N
106	Rep. Adam Schwadron (R-St. Charles)	Y	N
156	Rep. Brian Seitz (R-Branson)	Y	N
36	Rep. Mark Sharp (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
4	Rep. Greg Sharpe (R-Ewing)	N	N
113	Rep. Dan Shaul (R-Imperial)	Y	N
11	Rep. Brenda Shields (R-Saint Joseph)	N	Y
109	Rep. John Simmons (R-Washington)	Y	N
67	Rep. Neil Smith (D-St. Louis)	N	N
163	Rep. Cody Smith (R-Carthage)	Y	N
155	Rep. Travis Smith (R-Dora)	Y	Y
31	Rep. Dan Stacy (R-Blue Springs)	Y	N
128	Rep. Mike Stephens (R-Bolivar)	Y	N
46	Rep. Martha Stevens (D-Columbia)	N	Y
119	Rep. Nate Tate (R-St. Clair)	N	AL

139	Rep. Jared Taylor (R-Republic)	Y	N
48	Rep. Tim Taylor (R-Bunceton)	Y	N
66	Rep. Marlene Terry (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
124	Rep. Lisa Thomas (R-Lake Ozark)	Y	N
53	Rep. Terry Thompson (R-Lexington)	N	N
44	Rep. Cheri Toalson Reisch (R-Hallsville)	Y	N
133	Rep. Curtis Trent (R-Springfield)	Y	N
37	Rep. Annette Turnbaugh (D-Grandview)	AL	Y
91	Rep. Sarah Unsicker (D-Shrewsbury)	N	Y
9	Rep. Dean Van Schoiack (R-Savannah)	N	N
59	Rep. Rudy Veit (R-Wardsville)	AL	N
112	Rep. Rob Vescovo (R-Arnold)	Y	N
147	Rep. Wayne Wallingford (R-Cape Girardeau)	Y	N
50	Rep. Sara Walsh (R-Ashland)	Y	N
93	Rep. Bridget Walsh Moore (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
24	Rep. Emily Weber (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
63	Rep. Richard West (R-Wentzville)	Y	N
103	Rep. John Wiemann (R-O'Fallon)	Y	N
85	Rep. Kevin Windham (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
116	Rep. Dale Wright (R-Farmington)	N	N
22	Rep. Yolanda Young (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
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17	Sen. Lauren Arthur (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
25	Sen. Jason Bean (-Holcomb)	Y	N
1	Sen. Doug Beck (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
6	Sen. Mike Bernskoetter (R-Jefferson City)	Y	N
31	Sen. Rick Brattin (R-Harrisonville)	Y	N
16	Sen. Justin Brown (R-Rolla)	Y	Y
20	Sen. Eric Burlison (R-Springfield)	Y	N
8	Sen. Mike Cierpiot (R-Lee's Summit)	Y	Y
28	Sen. Sandy Crawford (R-Buffalo)	N	N
23	Sen. Bill Eigel (R-St. Peters)	Y	N
33	Sen. Karla Eslinger (R-Wasola)	N	N
3	Sen. Elaine Gannon (R-De Soto)	AL	N
12	Sen. Dan Hegeman (R-Cosby)	Y	N
21	Sen. Denny Hoskins (R-Warrensburg)	Y	N
30	Sen. Lincoln Hough (R-Springfield)	N	Y
15	Sen. Andrew Koenig (R-Manchester)	Y	N
34	Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer (R-Parkville)	Y	N
4	Sen. Karla May (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
29	Sen. Mike Moon (R-Halltown)	Y	N
13	Sen. Angela Mosley (D-Florissant)	N	Y
18	Sen. Cindy O'Laughlin (R-Shelbina)	Y	N
2	Sen. Bob Onder (R-Lake St. Louis)	Y	N
7	Sen. Greg Razer (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
27	Sen. Holly Rehder (R-Scott City)	Y	N
10	Sen. Jeanie Riddle (R-Holts Summit)	Y	N
11	Sen. John Rizzo (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
5	Sen. Steven Roberts (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
19	Sen. Caleb Rowden (R-Columbia)	Y	Y
26	Sen. Dave Schatz (R-Sullivan)	Y	N
24	Sen. Jill Schupp (D-St. Louis)	N	Y
9	Sen. Barbara Washington (D-Kansas City)	N	Y
32	Sen. Bill White (R-Joplin)	Y	N
22	Sen. Paul Wieland (R-Imperial)	Y	N
14	Sen. Brian Williams (D-St. Louis)	N	Y

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