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Three weeks until the primary elections on August 4th and we are feeling it. The ads for candidates and ballot measures are flooding tv, radio, social media, and even the good old mailbox. While candidates were out knocking doors this week, Governor Kehoe signed the remaining legislation passed into law by the General Assembly during the recent session. A full listing of the remaining bills signed this week can be found below.

This week also saw the July 15 Quarterly Report deadline which means the release of campaign finance reports for review prior to the primary elections.

Task Force and interim committee work continues in an effort to have legislation ready to file when prefiling opens.

We will continue to keep you updated on new legislative developments. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

In Brief

- Genie Recon, an advanced remanufacturer of telescopic boom lifts, announced today that it will expand in Springfield, investing \$11.5 million and creating 243 jobs. The company's expansion will combine the expertise of aerial lift manufacturer Genie Recon with SRC Holdings Corporation. Genie Recon currently employs approximately 60 team members.
- In St. Louis, following the signing of Board Bill 22 which authorizes the investment of the Rams Settlement funds, a tracker was launched to see how the money is spent. The \$255 million settlement will provide a \$40 million investment designated for the City of St. Louis Water Division and provides support for residents and neighborhoods recovering from the May 16 tornado. The Comptroller's Office will update the tracker as contracts funded with Rams settlement dollars come before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for approval and funds are encumbered for specific projects.

Gubernatorial Activity

This week, Governor Mike Kehoe signed the remaining 43 bills passed by the General Assembly into law. These bills ranged from healthcare, public safety, land conveyance and elections. Unless language within the bills specifies otherwise, these bills will take effect on August 28th.

- **SB 835**, sponsored by **Senator Sandy Crawford** and **Representative Lane Roberts**, modifies provisions relating to court procedures
- **SB 890**, sponsored by **Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman** and **Representative Wendy Hausman**, repeals expired, terminated, sunset, and obsolete sections of law.
- **SB 905**, sponsored by **Senator David Gregory** and **Representative Mike Jones**, modifies provisions relating to a training program for Missouri rangers.
- **SB 916**, sponsored by **Senator Jamie Burger** and **Representative Cameron Parker**, modifies provisions relating to sovereign immunity
- **SB 937**, sponsored by **Senator Mike Bernskoetter** and **Representative Rudy Veit**, conveys certain state property.
- **SB 973**, sponsored by **Senator Curtis Trent** and **Representative Chris Brown**, creates and modifies provisions relating to real estate transactions.
- **SB 977**, sponsored by **Senator Schroer** and **Representative Chad Perkins**, modifies provisions relating to the application of foreign law.
- **SB 999**, sponsored by **Senator Brad Hudson** and **Representative Brian Seitz**, modifies provisions relating to vulnerable persons.
- **SB 1002**, sponsored by **Senator Adam Schnelting** and **Representative Richard West**, creates and modifies provisions relating to elections submitted to the people by a school board.
- **SB 1067**, sponsored by **Senator Mike Henderson** and **Representative Ben Keathley**, modifies provisions relating to civil actions based on public expression.
- **SB 1119**, sponsored by **Senator Curtis Trent** and **Representative Jamie Ray Gragg**, modifies provisions relating to the appointment and duties of commissioners to attend an Article V convention.
- **SB 1135**, sponsored by **Senator Mike Henderson** and **Representative Cecelie Williams**, creates "Bentley and Mason's Law" relating to child maintenance orders for certain persons convicted of driving while intoxicated.
- **SB 1408**, sponsored by **Senator Jamie Burger** and **Representative John Voss**, modifies provisions relating to the speed limit on certain roads of this state.
- **SB 1470**, sponsored by **Senator Mike Bernskoetter** and **Representative Scott Cupps**, modifies duties and functions of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.
- **SB 1544**, sponsored by **Senator Maggie Nurrenbern** and **Representative Mike Jones**, modifies provisions relating to state designations.
- **SB 1553**, sponsored by **Senator Kurtis Gregory** and **Representative David Casteel**, authorizes incentives for producing certain critical materials and pharmaceuticals.
- **HB 1696**, sponsored by **Representative Mазzie Christensen** and **Senator David Gregory**, modifies provisions relating to the care of vulnerable persons.
- **HB 1825**, sponsored by **Representative Danny Busick** and **Senator Sandy Crawford**,

modifies provisions relating to county finances.

- **HB 1827**, sponsored by **Representative Terri Violet** and **Senator Steven Webber**, modifies provisions relating to disabled license plates and placards, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 1840**, sponsored by **Representative Sherri Gallick** and **Senator Jamie Burger**, modifies provisions relating to communication involving persons with disabilities.
- **HB 1867**, sponsored by **Representative Lane Roberts** and **Senator Jill Carter**, modifies provisions relating to transient guest taxes.
- **HB 1871**, sponsored by **Representative Peggy McGaugh** and **Senator Sandy Crawford**, modifies provisions relating to elections.
- **HB 1940**, sponsored by **Representative Peggy McGaugh** and **Senator Mike Henderson**, modifies requirements relating to publication of notices.
- **HB 2057**, sponsored by **Representative Jeff Verneti** and **Senator David Gregory**, modifies provisions relating to the establishment of certain entertainment districts.
- **HB 2108**, sponsored by **Representative Dave Griffith** and **Senator Mike Bernskoetter**, authorizes the conveyance of certain state property.
- **HB 2292**, sponsored by **Representative Holly Jones** and **Senator Tracy McCreery**, modifies provisions relating to abuse and neglect reporting by certain professionals.
- **HB 2366**, sponsored by **Representative Jeff Verneti** and **Senator David Gregory**, modifies provisions relating to employment, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2372**, sponsored by **Representative Tara Peters** and **Senator Mike Bernskoetter**, modifies provisions relating to health care.
- **HB 2474**, sponsored by **Representative John Voss** and **Senator Mike Henderson**, creates new provisions relating to public contracts.
- **HB 2508**, sponsored by **Representative Chris Brown** and **Senator Brad Hudson**, modifies provisions relating to entities regulated by the Secretary of State.
- **HB 2576**, sponsored by **Representative John Black** and **Senator Nick Schroer**, creates a several new state designations.
- **HB 2586**, sponsored by **Representative David Casteel** and **Senator Jill Carter**, modifies provisions relating to credit unions.
- **HB 2596**, sponsored by **Representative Peggy McGaugh** and **Senator Sandy Crawford**, modifies provisions relating to health benefit plans.
- **HB 2818**, sponsored by **Representative Brenda Shields** and **Senator Rusty Black**, modifies provisions relating to annexation procedures for cities.
- **HB 2819**, sponsored by **Representative Brenda Shields** and **Senator David Gregory**, modifies provisions relating to sales transaction rounding.
- **HB 2885**, sponsored by **Representative Barry Hovis** and **Senator Mike Henderson**, modifies provisions relating to the Water Patrol Division.
- **HB 2896**, sponsored by **Representative Chris Brown** and **Senator Mike Bernskoetter**, modifies provisions relating to education.
- **HB 3080**, sponsored by **Representative Louis Riggs** and **Senator Mike Bernskoetter**,

modifies provisions relating to facilities of historic significance.

- **HB 3231**, sponsored by **Representative Brad Christ** and **Senator Kurtis Gregory**, establishes the "Missouri Innovation, Public Safety and Accountability Act" and modifies provisions relating to financial incentives for economic development.
- **HB 3279**, sponsored by **Representative Brenda Shields** and **Senator Sandy Crawford**, modifies provisions relating to the Missouri community service commission.

Interim Activity

On Wednesday, the **Senate Select Committee on Rural Healthcare** convened a hearing in Joplin to receive presentations from stakeholders regarding the implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). The committee has been charged with developing a roadmap for needed legislative changes, ways to maximize available federal funding, and how to address other challenges facing rural healthcare in Missouri.

Representatives from the Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri Rural Health Transformation Program, Missouri's Medicaid Program (MO HealthNet), the Missouri Nurse Practitioners Association, Missouri State Medical Association, and the Missouri Insurance Coalition appeared before the committee for several hours before a tour of the recently completed Roy Blunt Center for Health Science Innovation was conducted.

During the presentations, several key points emerged, which include:

- By 2030, the "One Big Bill" (HR1) is expected to cost Missouri an additional \$1.2 billion in general revenue due to mandated changes in public safety net program financing.
- The existing state healthcare workforce is rapidly aging and retention rates, while improving, are still below the expected need and below the national level.
- Hospitals annually write off or donate more than \$1 billion in charity care and uncollected billing and another \$1.25 billion in unreimbursed care.
- Prior Authorization costs drive up the cost of care for covered patients through private insurance and the uninsured, Medicaid, and Medicare population is increasing rapidly which will dramatically increase the cost of care through the use of Prior Authorizations.
- Regulatory hurdles drive providers out of state and the rural healthcare workforce is aging faster than new providers can complete their training.

Some highlights from each presentation included:

- The Missouri Nurse Practitioners Association said 3,000 of the state's 15,000 Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN's) practice outside Missouri due to regulatory restrictions and collaboration costs.
- The Missouri State Medical Association has made prioritizing in-state medical student retention a key initiative, with an emphasis on retaining students from rural and underserved communities to serve in primary care and other subspecialties.
- The Missouri Hospital Association is seeking to expand efforts on behalf of health systems to build career pipelines across the healthcare workforce, including upskilling initiatives, early career exposure, and technical support for community-based training programs.

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) and MO HealthNet have prioritized the development of a community health hub model providing coordinated and quality care across the state, strengthening the health ecosystem's digital backbone, building workforce training and retention programs with state universities and community colleges, and developing alternative payment models which emphasize value-based payment and improved cost outcomes.

- The Missouri Insurance Coalition is anticipating that new state directives will put further strain on private insurance carriers' ability to offer affordable, quality plans in the state without significant reductions in coverage mandates, regulatory burdens, and federal changes.

You can find out more about Missouri's Rural Health Transformation plan [here](#).

Upcoming Hearings:

[House](#)

[Senate](#)

Key Upcoming Dates:

- **August 4, 2026** – Primary Election Day
- **August 28, 2026** – Effective Date of Signed Policy Legislation (Unless Otherwise Specified)
- **September 16, 2026** – Veto Session
- **November 3, 2026** – General Election Day
- **December 1, 2026** – Opening day of prefiling legislation for the 2027 session

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