NAMI Smarts for Advocacy

Missouri Legislative
Mental Health Proposals

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Getting started

To help everyone get the most out of this training, we ask you to agree to the following:

- Participate fully
- Help keep us on time
- Mute yourself if not speaking
- Submit Pre-and Post-Training Surveys

NAMI Smarts for Advocacy: pre-training survey
Agenda

I. 12:00 pm - Welcome, Overview & Topic Introduction

II. 12:05 pm
   1) Presentation: Missouri's 2021 Mental Health Legislative Issues
   2) How bill becomes a law in Missouri
   3) Navigating Missouri legislature websites (bill tracking/ finding your elected official)
      i. Missouri House of Representatives Website
      ii. Missouri Senate website

III. 12:50 pm - Future Meeting Discussion

IV. 12:55 pm - End Session
Why advocate?

Because everyone who is impacted by mental illness deserves the opportunity for recovery
Half of children and nearly two-thirds of adults who require mental health services aren’t getting the help they need.
Overview of current legislative proposals
HB 364 -- ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUGS

SPONSOR: Rep. David Gregory (96)

This bill prevents MO Healthnet Division from placing restrictions on access to antipsychotic medications. It also requires MO HealthNet Division to continue to allow MO HealthNet participants access to any antipsychotic drug that they are using and are stable on or any drug that they have successfully used previously.

Senate Companion Bill: SB 173
Sponsor: Sen. Bill White (32)
Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, each school district may offer at least two hours of suicide prevention training for all practicing teachers.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education may develop materials to be used for such training or may offer districts materials developed by a third party. This bill also requires schools that issue pupil identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention and the Crisis Text Line.
HB 465 -- STRESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

SPONSOR: Rep. Patricia Pike (126)

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SB 80: Modifies provisions relating to insurance coverage for mental health conditions

HB 383 -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH
(Mental Health Parity)

“no health benefit plan shall impose a nonquantitative treatment limitation, as defined in the act, with respect to mental health condition benefits of any classification unless the standards are applied no more stringently to mental health condition benefits than to medical or surgical benefits in the same classification.”
Other policy issues:

• Support for MO-CPAP – the Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project
• Warmline Support
• And more
How a Bill Becomes a Law: The Missouri Experience

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Click the “•” or underlined term to find the definition in the glossary.

Tips:
- Request a favorable committee assignment from the Presiding Officer (Speaker/President Pro Temp)
- Always review your issues with the chair of the committee
- Engage all members of the committee before the hearing

Tips:
- The Majority Floor Leader is a key person in this process
- Count votes before the debate to improve the chance of floor passage
- Make sure the sponsor is prepared for a floor debate

Tips:
- Allow time for legislative research to draft concepts into a bill
- Changes happen throughout legislative processes—know your limits but be open to compromise

Tips:
- A staff person in the Governor’s office is assigned to review bills
- Identify this staff member and communicate with him/her

If in the House, the bill will be sent to one of the Select Committees for another vote before heading to the floor for debate.

Reconciliation process, if needed
Glossary

Committee
A select group of members with a defined scope of responsibility. See Conference Committee, Interim Committee, Standing Committee, Joint Committee, Special Committee and Statutory Committee.

Conference Committee
A committee made up of five members of each chamber, appointed to resolve differences between the two chambers on a bill or joint resolution passed by both but in a different form.

Filing
A legislator files a bill with the Chief Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate.

Hearing
A meeting of a committee of the House or Senate to receive testimony from the public on a bill or topic.

Perfection
The process of considering a bill in which the bill is subject to amendments. At the conclusion of this process, upon a favorable vote, a bill is order perfected and printed, which means that any amendments adopted are incorporated into the printed bill.

Reading
A term used to indicate a step in the legislative process. First reading occurs when a bill is introduced, second reading when it is referred to committee and third reading when it is approved by a constitutional majority of a chamber.

Reconciliation
Bills must pass the House and Senate in the exact same form. This is the process by which differences in the House and Senate version of the bill are reconciled. This is done either through one chamber’s concession or a conference committee. Both chambers must vote on the product of a conference committee.

Truly Agreed and Finally Passed (TAFP)
The chamber must pass identical forms of the bill for it to be TAFP. This is the final action on the bill, sending it to the Governor or Missouri voters.

Veto
The rejection by the Governor of an act of the General Assembly.

Veto Session
A session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes of the Governor. If any bill is vetoed late in or after the end of a regular session, a veto session is held starting on the Wednesday following the second Monday in September.
Navigating the Legislative websites
Welcome to the online home of the Missouri House of Representatives. I encourage you to explore our website to learn about your government, track the legislative process, interact with your state representative, and watch legislative sessions live as the House deliberates issues important to all Missourians.

We welcome your input and suggestions on how to make government more efficient, effective, and accountable. It is a pleasure and honor to serve as Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives.

All House floor activity and most hearings are live streamed and can be found on the House Media Feeds page.
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Jefferson City, Mo 65109

Go
Representative Dave Griffith
District 060
Republican

Elected: 2018
Years Served: 3
Hometown: Jefferson City
Counties: Cole

Committees

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Biography
Representative Griffith represents Missouri House District 060, serving Jefferson City and surrounding communities. Prior to his legislative career, Griffith served as a member of the Missouri American Legion and was a member of the Missouri National Guard. Griffith served, serving...
Sponsored Bills

HB 388 - (1304H.011)
Allows the Department of Revenue to send first class mail instead of certified mail.

HB 389 - (1079H.011)
Establishes the Commercial Vehicle Towing Advisory Committee

HB 390 - (0070H.011)
Establishes a Missouri Purple Star School District program

HB 391 - (1125H.011)
Provides that Missouri National Guard members be treated as state employees for certain purposes

HB 626 - (1617H.011)
Designates the "U.S. Army Specialist Michael Campbell Memorial Highway" in Cole County

HJR 32 - (1653H.011)
Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri relating to property tax exemptions

Co-sponsored Bills

Amendments

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Find Your Representative
- 3405 W. Truman Blvd.
- Jefferson City, Mo 65109
Senator Mike Bernskoetter

Republican
District 06 – Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, and Osage
View District Map (Google Maps)
View District Map (PDF)

Senator Mike Bernskoetter, a Republican, took the oath of office on Jan. 9, 2019, to serve the residents of the 6th Senatorial District.

Before being elected to the Missouri Senate, Sen. Bernskoetter served as the representative for the 59th District in the Missouri House of Representatives. First elected in 2010, he served eight years in the Missouri House. In addition to his legislative duties, Sen. Bernskoetter and his wife Jeannette have owned and operated Art’s Pest Control for 32 years. Senator Bernskoetter also serves as a lector, Eucharistic and hospitality minister at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Senator Bernskoetter is a member of the following organizations: Knights of Columbus, Elks, Eagles, East Side Business Association, West Side Business Association, Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, Wardsville Lions Club, Home Builders Association, Jefferson City Area Board of Realtors, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Farm Bureau, 2001 Jefferson City Chamber Leadership Class, Sons of the American Legion Post 5, American Legion Riders of Missouri and the YMCA. Senator Bernskoetter also served as president of the Missouri Pest Management Association and has received the John Veatch Award and Man of the Year Award for his work in the pest control industry.

Senator Bernskoetter is a graduate of Helias High School.

Born in Jefferson City, Sen. Bernskoetter is a lifelong resident of Cole County and currently lives in Jefferson City with his wife, Jeannette. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Legislative Service:
Elected to the Senate: 2018
House of Representatives: 2010 – 2018

Committee Membership:
Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, Chairman
Economic Development
Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics

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3405 W TRUMAN BLVD STE 102, JEFFERSON CTY, MO 65109-5861

Using this address, your local legislators are:

- Senatorial district 006 - Senator Mike Bernskoetter
- House district 060 - Representative Dave Griffith
- U.S. House district 03 - Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer

Your statewide elected officials are:
- Governor Mike Parson
- Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe
- Secretary of State John Ashcroft
- State Auditor Nicole Galloway
- State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick
- Attorney General Eric Schmitt
Bill Search - 2021 Session Only

To learn more about certain Senate bills, please visit the Senate Bill Video Information page.

To search legislation from a different session, make a selection here: 2021

To search for a specific bill, enter the bill number without any spaces. Ex: SB485.

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