NAMI Smarts for Advocacy: Last Chance Legislation

May 2021
Agenda

I. Welcome & Overview
II. The Process
III. The Issues
IV. Your Legislators
V. Your Message
VI. Wrap up & Post-session Evaluation
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
The Process

Where are we now?
How a Bill Becomes a Law: The Missouri Experience
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Second Chamber

- Sent to Floor
- Committee Vote
- Hearing
- Assigned to Committee
- Second Chamber

FLOW DEBATE
- Third Reading and Vote
- One Chamber Concedes
- Truly Agreed and Finally Passed (T.A.F.P.)

GOVERNOR SIGNS OR VETO
- Conference Committee and Substitute (CCS)
- First Chamber Votes
- Second Chamber Votes
Final Steps

- Governor signs or vetoes
- Governor Inaction
- First Chamber Override Vote (2/3 majority vote)
- Second Chamber Override Vote (2/3 majority vote)
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The Issues:

Current, timely legislative proposals
Antipsychotic Medication Access: Updates

House Bill 432 received this language in the Senate Oversight Committee and was voted “do pass”. House amendments have been made to include this language on SB 43 and SB 403.

What to do?

• Tell your Senator to vote yes on HB 432
• Tell your Representative to support Rep. Gregory’s antipsychotic amendments to SB43 and SB403

Medicaid Expansion: What happened? What’s next?
Medicaid Expansion

Rallies for Medicaid Expansion – Friday, May 14th

Events are planned for Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, Columbia, Joplin and Jefferson County
Medicaid Expansion Rallies

11:30am - 12pm – Kansas City (hosted by MO Jobs With Justice)
Trinity United Methodist Church, 620 E Armour Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64109

12pm - 12:30pm – St. Louis (hosted by MO Jobs With Justice)
Department of Social Services, 3101 Chouteau St. Louis, MO 63103

12:30pm – 1pm: Springfield (hosted by MO Jobs With Justice)
State Office Building on the Square, 149 Park Central Square Springfield, MO 65806

1pm – 1:30pm: Columbia (hosted by Missouri Faith Voices)
Parking lot of Wilkes Blvd UMC, 702 Wilkes Blvd, Columbia, MO 65201

11am - 1pm – Joplin (hosted by Missouri Health Care for All)
Intersection of 7th and Range Line, Joplin, MO 64801

11am - 1pm – Jefferson County (hosted by Missouri Health Care for All)
Corner of Jeff Co. Blvd. (Hwy 61) & 141 Arnold, MO 63010
Details and information on livestreaming the events on the Jobs with Justice and Health Care for All Facebook Pages:

Missouri Jobs with Justice: https://www.facebook.com/MissouriJobsWithJustice

Missouri Health Care for All: https://www.facebook.com/MoHealthCareAll/
Criminal Justice Reform

From our partners at Empower Missouri

Key pieces of criminal justice legislation: SB 26 and SB 53/60

Each of these bills has good reforms as well as some regressive policy
Your Legislators

These are your most effective points of contact
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- John Jay Ashcroft: Secy. of State
- John R. Ashcroft: Secretary of State
- Nicole Galloway, CPA: State Auditor
- Scott Fitzpatrick: State Treasurer
Representative Dave Griffith
District 060
Republican

Elected: 2016
Years Served: 3
Hometown: Jefferson City
Counties: Cole

Biography
Representative Dave Griffith, a Republican, represents Cole County (District 060) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016.

Prior to his legislative duties, Griffith served as the executive director of the American Red Cross for six years. Griffith also served on the city council for Jefferson City. Prior to that, he spent 23 years working for KRCG TV in a variety of roles ranging from production to account executive.

Griffith served in the U.S. Army 8th Special Forces Group as a Green Beret.

Griffith is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Rotary International, American Heart

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Sponsored Bills
- HB 84 - (130441.011)
  Allows the Department of Revenue to send first class mail instead of certified mail.
- HB 389 - (10794.011)
  Establishes the Commercial Vehicle Towing Advisory Committee
- HB 399 - (00704.011)
  Establishes a Missouri Purple Star School District program
- HB 911 - (11254.011)
  Provides that Missouri National Guard members be treated as state employees for certain purposes
- HB 622 - (16174.011)
  Designates the “U.S. Army Specialist Michael Campbell Memorial Highway” in Cole County
- HJR 32 - (16354.011)
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**HB 391** - (1125H.011)
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Senator Mike Bernskoetter

Republican
District 06 – Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, and Osage

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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
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