

News from the Capitol

House Ways and Means Committee Unanimously Approves HB2527

On February 16, 2022, the House Ways and Means Committee unanimously approved HB2527. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Cheri Toalson Reisch (R-Hallsville), would create a tax credit program for donations made to substance use recovery organizations. The bill will now go to the House Rules Committee where it will hopefully be set for debate on the House floor.



MCRSP Chair Ladell Flowers, Sabrina Flowers, KC Recovery Coalition Chair Bobbi Jo Reed, MCRSP Board Member Stan Archie, and MCRSP Executive Director Greg Smith met with Senator Greg Razer (D-Kansas City).

Voting in Favor: Ways and Means Chairman Mike McGirl (R-Potosi), Ranking Member Ashley Bland-Manlove (D-Kansas City), Jeff Coleman (R-Grain Valley), Don Mayhew (R-Crocker), Barbara Phifer (D-St. Louis), Louis Riggs (R-Hannibal), Shane Roden (R-Cedar Hill), and Emily Weber (D-Kansas City).

Not Present: Ways and Means Vice Chairman Tony Lovasco (R-O'Fallon) and J. Eggeston (R-Maysville).

Thanks to members of the Kansas City Recovery Coalition who met with members of the committee leading up to the vote, including MCRSP Chair Ladell Flowers, Sabrina Flowers, KC Recovery Coalition Chair Bobbi Jo Reed, and MCRSP Board Member Stan Archie. We also added another co-sponsor to the bill, Rep. Chris Sander (R-Lone Jack). The bill now has 13 bipartisan co-sponsors. Continue to contact your local representatives in the Missouri House of Representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the bill.

Many thanks to those who testified in support of the bill during a hearing on February 9. In all, 38 people supported the legislation and no one opposed it.

Those testifying in person included: John McKinnon, Adult and Teen Challenge of St. Louis (High Ridge), Marsha Hawkins-Hourd, Child and Family Empowerment (St. Louis and Houston), Stan Archie, Footprints (Kansas City), Gregory Smith, MCRSP (Jefferson City), Angela Quick, Mission Gate (Lincoln County), Stephen Hunt, Mission Gate (St. Louis), Jane Pfefferkorn, Mission Missouri (Sikeston), David Stoecker, Springfield Recovery Community Center (Springfield).

Those Submitting Written Testimony: Sarah Knopf-Amelung, Amethyst Place (Kansas City), Carl Perkins, ASCENT Recovery (Joplin), Amy Ford, Child and Family Empowerment (St. Louis), James Bayless, Fresh Start Sober Living (Columbia), Shaun Noland, Fresh Start Sober Living (Columbia), Andrew Kenneth Funk, Healing House (Kansas City), Anna Searcy-Hoyt, Healing House (Kansas City), Brenda Peters, Healing House (Kansas City), Cassidy Thomas, Healing House (Kansas City), Elise Nicole Shea, Healing House (Kansas City), Krystal Luppens, Healing House (Kansas City), Melissa Bennett, Healing House (Kansas City), Greg Reed, Healing House (Kansas City), Rebecca Stewart, Healing House (Kansas City), Sean Pelattini, Healing House (Kansas City), Terry Bratcher, Healing House (Kansas City), Heather Gieck, Healing House and New Beginnings (Jefferson City), Dan Hanneken, In2Action (Columbia), Jerica Breedlove, Landmark Recovery (Jefferson City), Ronnie Sells, Life Continues (Sikeston), Bobby Watson, Mission Gate (Cuba), Joyce Fields, Mission Gate (Cuba), Larry Walker, Mission Gate (Cuba), Susan Waters, Mission Gate (Cuba), Trish Mathes, Mission Gate (Cuba / St. Louis / Lincoln County), David Aumiller (affiliation not known), Ronald Dawson (affiliation not known), Taylor Constable (affiliation not known), Arnie Dienoff (affiliation not known), and Jordan Hampton, Recovery House of St. Louis

Click here for the entire Bill: [HB2527](#)

House Bill Would Require Ignition Interlocks after First DUI

Representative Mark Sharp (D), Kansas City introduced House Bill 1680, which in summary states: Missourians would have to have their vehicles equipped with ignition interlock devices after their first drunk driving conviction for at least six months.



Representative Mark Sharp (Photo: Tim Bommel, Missouri House Communications)

Lane Robert (R-Joplin), Chair, expressed his support for the idea during a hearing before the House Committee on Crime Prevention. The House Committee on Crime Prevention has not voted on this Bill.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Click here for the entire Bill: [HB1680](#)

Gifts-In-Kind: New Reporting Rules for Nonprofits

The accounting standards for valuing nonfinancial assets or "gifts-in-kind" such as land; buildings and equipment; rent and the use of facilities; materials and supplies, such as food and clothing; and other assets have changed. The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), which sets the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) that nonprofits must follow, released Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-07, "Presentation and Disclosure by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets," in September 2020. The Update is effective for annual periods beginning after June 15, 2021, and may require some retrospective changes in how your nonprofit reported contributions of nonfinancial assets in previous years. If your nonprofit isn't already familiar with this "ASU," now is a good time to learn about it. (Note that the ASU applies to financial statement presentation and does not change the tax rules for providing donor acknowledgments.)

Source: National Council of NonProfits

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Noteworthy Items

The Show Me Service Volunteer Awards is an annual event held in May during Missouri Service Day. Show Me Service Awards allow Missouri to recognize those who do so much to make Missouri a better place to live.

Deadline: February 28, 2022 - Submit nomination [HERE](#)

Successful reentry stories are being sought. April is Second Chance Month; in recognition of that, OJJDP and the National Reentry Resource Center are partnering to celebrate successful reentry journeys.

Deadline: February 28, 2022 - Submit your successful reentry story [HERE](#)

Greg's Message

It has been an interesting start to the 2022 Legislative Session. While the House of Representatives pushes forward with a number of initiatives, including our own HB2527, the action at the other end of the building has been slow. The Senate has been mired down in filibusters that surround redrawing the state's congressional district maps. At the root of the debates is a growing divide between members of the Republican Conservative Caucus and other Republican Caucus members. Also, with this year being an election year and several members seeking other offices, the divide between the two groups has only intensified. As a result, House Floor Leader Dean Plocher (R-St. Louis) has had to prioritize bills sent to the Senate Chamber and keep many bills that have already been perfected in the House on the "Third Read" calendar until the deadlock in the Senate is broken. Rules of the legislature require the Senate to take bills up in the order they are received from the House. As a result, House leadership wants to make sure their top priorities are at the top of that list in case the Senate is not able to get the legislative process moving again.

That being said, it is important that people in recovery and friends of those in recovery come to Jefferson on March 8 for our 7th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol. I was on a call last week and Senator Brian Williams (D-St. Louis) even gave a plug for our Recovery Day at the Capitol event. He stated that events like this are vital for legislators to hear the concerns of constituents across the state. We are also having the MCRSP Annual Meeting on March 7. Registrations for both events is FREE and available at [www.mcrsp.org](#) under current events. We look forward to seeing you in Jeff City in a couple of weeks to spread the word that recovery is possible! And expected!

Upcoming Events

- March 7-8, 2022 ~ **MCRSP Annual Meeting & Legislative Conference**
Courtyard by Marriot, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
<https://mcrsp.org/news/upcomingevents.html>
- March 30 - ~ **MO Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual Conference**
April 1, 2022 Hilton Promenade, 3 Branson Landing, Branson, MO 65616
<https://www.motreatmentcourts.org/2022-matcp-conference/>
- April 8-10, 2022 ~ **MACA Spring Conference**
Camden on the Lake, 2359 Bittersweet Road, Lake Ozark, MO 54049
<http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org/upcoming-events>
- May 3, 2022 ~ **MO Mental Health Foundations Mental Health Champions Awards Banquet**
Register to attend in person or virtually [HERE](#)
- August 26-27, 2022 ~ **5th Annual Intersection of Christian Beliefs and Recovery Seminar**
Landmark Church, 204 Metro Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109

If you have an event you would like to share please email [Christa Harmon](#)

Training Opportunities

- National Council for Mental Wellbeing - Motivational Interviewing Trainings**
 - March 8, 2022 - 11:00 am (Introductory/Refresher) [Register Here](#)
- Wellness Webinars - The Missouri Behavioral Health Council (These webinars are designed for Behavioral Health Care Providers):**
 - April 22, 2022 - 1:00 pm (Back to Basics: Using Effective Communication Techniques - basic communication techniques for wellness coaching. [Register Here](#)
- Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board**
 - Certified Peer Specialist [Register Here](#)
 - Peer Specialist Supervisor [Register Here](#)
 - Certified Peer Specialist Speciality Training [Register Here](#)
- Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board**
 - MRSS training [Register Here](#)
- Ethics Training - Missouri Credentialing Board**
 - Ethics training [Register Here](#)
- MARS Training - Missouri Credential Board**
 - MARS training [Register Here](#)

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Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers Missouri's Recovery Lifeline

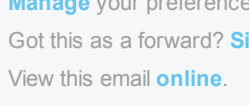
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