

News from the Capitol

FY 2022 Supplemental Budget Signed

Governor Mike Parson signed the FY 2022 Supplemental Budget on February 24, 2022. HB3014 includes funding for several high-priority areas totaling over \$4.6 billion. These areas include:



Governor Mike Parson signing HB3014

- 5.5% cost of living adjustment for state team members.
- \$1.9 billion to local public school districts
- Almost \$100 million for non-public schools
- \$444 for child care services
- \$219 for food programs in schools
- Funding for MO HealthNet

Source: Missouri Governor - Michael L. Parson (Office of Communications)

Click here for the entire Bill: [HB3014](#)

Finalized Opioid Settlement Announced

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt announced on February 18 that his Office has finalized a historic opioid settlement with Johnson & Johnson and other major distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen). These settlements bring a total of roughly \$458 million to Missouri; this is one of the largest victim-centric settlements in the history of the State. There is the potential for additional money received through other litigation with Mallinckrodt and Purdue Pharma, more will be known about the amounts as the cases continue forward.

The Johnson & Johnson and other distributors' settlement brings in an estimated \$458 million, with approximately \$274,800.00 going to the State and \$183,200.00 going to localities.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

Kratom Consumer Protection Act Headed to the Senate

The Missouri House passed HB1667 called the Kratom Consumer Protection Act to ensure Kratom can be safely purchased and used by adults. Kratom is marketed as an energy booster, pain reliever, and even used for opioid withdrawals. It is an herb extracted from a Southeast Asia evergreen tree. HB1667 creates regulatory guidelines to protect Missourians from altered or contaminated Kratom. It also prevents this substance from being purchased by those under the age of 18.

The bill now moves onto the Senate for consideration.

Click here for the perfected Bill: [HB1667](#)

Rape Shield Bill Considered

Senator Holly Thompson Rehder, champion of (SB775) which modifies the provision relating to sexual offenses referred to as a rape shield is being considered. SB775 protects sexual assault victims by blocking information about previous sexual acts, conduct, or practices during the judicial process.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Click here for the entire Bill: [SB775](#)

Follow Up: House gives initial OK to Prison Nurseries with Bipartisan Support

The Missouri House perfected legislation Wednesday that would establish a program to allow infants to remain with incarcerated mothers in certain instances for up to 18 months.

The program is designed as an effort to not only lower recidivism rates but give newborn children an opportunity to bond with their mothers which could lower cognitive and behavioral issues later in childhood.

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Overdose Deaths

The US overdose death rate **DOUBLED** between 2015 and 2021. It is reported that an estimated 104,288 people died from overdose in the 12-month period ending September 2021, compared to 52,000 in the year ending September 2015.

The last year seen a 16% increase in overdose deaths compared to the previous year.

Read the article [HERE](#)



Missouri Capitol lit in blue and gold for three days in honor of Ukraine.

Greg's Message

As MCRSP members descend on Jefferson City for our Annual Meeting and 7th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol, HB2527 remains in the House Rules Committee, awaiting action before it can move to the House floor for consideration. This bill would establish a tax credit program for private donations made to recovery organizations in Missouri. The legislature will begin its Spring Break on Friday, March 11. When the legislature returns 10 days later, 6 weeks will remain in this year's legislative session, with a lot of work that needs to be completed on the budget and other priorities. The Senate had broken its temporary filibuster logjam, but plans to return to discussing redistricting congressional maps again this week.

At the federal level, MCRSP is actively engaged with a national coalition aimed at increasing the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant to the states in the fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget. The block grant has remained stagnant for the past 14 years at \$1.8 billion. The Biden Administration had proposed to fund the block grant at \$3.5 billion. The U.S. House of Representatives approved a \$1 billion increase last year and the Senate Democrats had proposed a figure in between the House version and the Administration's proposal. Most notably, all of the parties agreed that if there is an increase, the block grant should also have a 10% set-aside for recovery programs. The 2022 federal fiscal year already began on October 1, 2021, but due to gridlock in the U.S. Congress, a complete budget package has not been agreed on by Congress and the Administration. As a result, the government has been operating on continuing resolutions (CRs), that keep the government running at the previous fiscal year's budget levels. The current CR is set to expire March 11. It is widely believed that Congress will reach a budget agreement by that deadline. Heavy negotiations have been ongoing amongst the leadership of both Chambers of Congress. So, we should know the FY2022 budget figures before the end of the week. It seems clear that there will be an increase in the block grant, as well as the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program and the Building Communities of Recovery (BCOR) grant program, but the exact amount of the increase is unknown. Also, it appears likely there will be a set-aside for recovery, but the percentage remains unknown. It could be 10%, but could also be 9%, 8%.... We should know by the end of the week.

That being said, we are already 6 months into the 2022 fiscal year. Congress is already starting work on the FY2022 budget, which will begin on October 1 of this year. There is also legislation pending that would make the 10% recovery set-aside in the block grant permanent. So, a lot of work remains at the federal level. Stay tuned. If I had to predict, I would expect to hear some really good news in the next few days.

Upcoming Events

March 7-8, 2022 ~ **MCRSP Annual Meeting & Legislative Conference**
Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
<https://mcrsp.org/news/upcomingevents.html>

March 30 - April 1, 2022 ~ **MO Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual Conference**
Hilton Promenade, 3 Branson Landing, Branson, MO 65615
<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 2, 2022 ~ **MO Suicide Prevention Conference AWARD Nominations Deadline**
Nomination Form [HERE](#) (ALL nominations due by 5:00 pm)

May 3, 2022 ~ **MO Mental Health Foundations Mental Health Champions Awards Banquet**
Register to attend in person or virtually [HERE](#)

July 21, 2022 ~ **MO Suicide Prevention Conference**
Show-Me Center in Cape Girardeau, MO

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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