



Legislative Column for the Week of Jan. 21, 2019

Greetings,

The Missouri General Assembly has officially convened for the start of the 2019 legislative session. On Wednesday, Jan. 9, lawmakers returned to the State Capitol for the first day of session. Following the November election, the Senate was proud to welcome eight newly elected senators, who took the oath of office in front of their families, friends and legislative colleagues. Joining them were nine returning senators, elected in November to serve a second four-year term.

The first few weeks of the legislative session are about preparation. The Senate adopted procedural rules for the session and began the process of introducing bills and referring them to legislative committees. These committees are sub-groups of lawmakers who evaluate bills on a certain subject before they reach the full Senate for debate. Committees often hold hearings on specific bills where private citizens can voice their support or concern for each proposal. If the Legislature is currently considering a bill that is important to you, I encourage you to travel to Jefferson City to make your voice heard. You can visit the Missouri Senate website for a [full list of scheduled hearings](#).

This year, I have the great pleasure of serving on six of the Senate's standing committees:

1. Appropriations
2. Gubernatorial Appointments
3. Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources
4. Administration
5. Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
6. Progress and Development (where I am vice-chairwoman)

Additionally, I have already filed several bills on various issues. In the coming months, I hope to see these bills through the various steps of the legislative process.

[Sen. Curls' Sponsored Legislation for 2019](#)

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
--------------------	--------------------	---------------

<u>Senate Bill 1</u>	Modifies provisions relating to the expungement of certain criminal records	Second read and referred to Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee
<u>Senate Bill 2</u>	Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to make certain considerations when granting medical marijuana licenses and certifications	Second read and referred to Senate Small Business and Industry Committee
<u>Senate Bill 3</u>	Allows certain people to enter property to secure it, remove trash and graffiti, and maintain the grounds, and provides immunity from civil and criminal liability	Second read and referred to Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee
<u>Senate Bill 75</u>	Modifies provisions relating to concealed carry weapons	First read in the Senate
<u>Senate Bill 225</u>	Modifies nuisance actions in certain cities	First read in the Senate
<u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 4</u>	Designates the Kansas City Chiefs as the official professional football team of the state of Missouri	Hearing scheduled for Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

Please know I value your input, and I invite you to visit my Capitol office, located in Room 225, if you are ever in Jefferson City. You may access my Senate website at senate.mo.gov/curls/.

###