



- Week of Jan. 6, 2023

On Jan. 4, the 2023 legislative session began with the swearing in of newly elected and recently re-elected senators and the convening of the 102nd General Assembly. The first week of session is filled with ceremonial traditions, like the legislative ball, the annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast and designation of Senate leadership. There are now 12 women serving in the Missouri Senate, so I'm excited about working across the aisle with these women and the entire Senate body to improve the quality of life for Missourians.

During the interim, I've enjoyed attending events and meeting with you in our beloved city. I always learn so much from visiting with you, and I formulate and prioritize my legislative proposals from these discussions. Two of the overarching concerns you have shared with me are criminal justice reforms and limiting assessors' ability to raise property taxes. To address these issues and several others, I have filed 17 bills and one Senate Joint Resolution to date.

The first bill I filed deals with certifying juveniles for trial as adults. Currently, children as young as 12 years old can be tried and prosecuted as an adult. [Senate Bill 432](#) raises the age of certification for trial as an adult to age 14. I don't believe any child should be tried as an adult, regardless of the crime, but raising the age by two years is a step in the right direction.

Another criminal justice reform measure that is near and dear to my heart is helping incarcerated mothers bond with their children. No child should have to suffer because their mother made mistakes, and far too many children whose mothers are incarcerated are living with little or no contact with them. [Senate Bill 438](#) creates a two-year pilot project at two of our state's correctional facilities for women to increase visitation and help provide transportation for children to the facility once a month. I believe this will reduce stigma, decrease recidivism and restore hope to countless moms and children.

If you haven't checked out my Senate [website](#) lately, please bookmark it now. It contains a variety of services and resources you may find beneficial. I've also added a digital [Community Services Directory](#) to help you connect with municipal, county and statewide agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Please Join State Senator
Barbara Anne Washington, along with
 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated,[™]
 Mu Omega Chapter, for the following event:

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CANNED FOOD DRIVE

at
 THE KANSAS CITY JUKE HOUSE
 1700 E. 18TH STREET
 KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

DATE:
 MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

TIME:
 3P.M. TO 6P.M.

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Sen. Washington



Below is a list of the bills I have sponsored in 2023. If you have questions or need additional information or assistance, please contact my office.

Senator Washington's Sponsored Legislation for 2023

Bill Number	Description	Status
Senate Bill 423	Modifies provisions relating to certification of juveniles for trial as adults	First Read
Senate Bill 424	Creates new provisions on discriminatory practices relating to hair.	First Read
Senate Bill 425	Authorizes a tax credit for the purchase of certain homes.	First Read
Senate Bill 433	Authorizes a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products.	First Read

<u>Senate Bill 434</u>	Authorizes a tax credit for providing services to homeless persons.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 435</u>	Creates a Text-to-Donate program for homeless services in certain cities.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 437</u>	Authorizes a tax credit for providing housing to victims of domestic violence.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 438</u>	Creates a pilot program for incarcerated mothers to have access to their children.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 439</u>	Creates the offense of unlawful possession of a handgun.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 440</u>	Establishes the "Cronkite New Voices Act" to protect the freedom of press in school-sponsored media.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 441</u>	Creates provisions relating to firearms.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 442</u>	Modifies provisions relating to concealed firearms.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 443</u>	Modifies provisions relating to medical marijuana program participants in family court matters.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 444</u>	Creates provisions relating to reporting requirements of law enforcement agencies.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 445</u>	Modifies provisions relating to use of force by law enforcement officers.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 446</u>	Modifies provisions relating to restitution for individuals who are actually innocent.	First Read
<u>Senate Bill 447</u>	Modifies provisions relating to criminal records.	First Read
<u>Senate Joint Resolution 36</u>	Places limits on increases of the assessment of certain properties.	First Read

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