



## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

**Monday, September 11, 2023**

### **LITTLE VETO SESSION ACTION FORECAST**

The Missouri General Assembly will convene for its annual veto session on Sept. 13 with no serious efforts to

override any of the governor's vetoes expected.

**Gov. Mike Parson rejected just a single bill lawmakers enacted during this year's regular legislative session while issuing 179 line-item budget vetoes.**

**The governor's budget actions struck \$555.3 million in spending authority from the state budget for FY 2024 that started July 1. However, the remaining \$51 billion budget still includes record-high state spending and is roughly \$3 billion more than the \$48 billion budget originally authorized for FY 2023.**

Few of the budget vetoes were high-profile or controversial, and many eliminated spending Parson did not request but that individual lawmakers added for the benefit of their districts.

One of Parson's more significant vetoes struck \$28

million for improvements to Interstate 44. He also eliminated millions of dollars in state funding for a variety of local infrastructure projects around the state and rejected providing State Highway Patrol and Capitol Police officers with pay increases exceeding the 8.7% given to all state workers.

Consideration of the budget vetoes will begin in the House of Representatives. Although it's expected some lawmakers will bring up for debate individual items affecting their communities, any override motions that are successful in the House aren't anticipated to pass in the Senate.

Since Parson became governor in 2018, the House has voted to override nine of his line-item vetoes, but all of those efforts died in the Senate. A successful override requires the support of two-thirds of the entire membership of both chambers – 109 votes in the House

and 23 in the Senate.

**The only entire bill Parson vetoed this year, Senate Bill 189, was a 142-page omnibus anticrime bill. Since the bulk of its provisions are in other legislation the governor signed into law, the Senate isn't expected to consider overriding.**

**However, several key provisions of SB 189 didn't make it into law elsewhere, including those to create a statewide conviction review unit, crackdown on celebratory gunfire within or into cities (Blair's Law), streamline expungement proceedings and expand compensation for the wrongfully convicted.**

It also sought to make it a felony to harm a police dog, even if acting in self-defense in response to an illegal or unjustified attack ordered by the animal's handler.

Although a veto session can last up to 10 days under the Missouri Constitution, they typically are over in a few hours. Last year's veto session proved a rare exception, however, when shortly after it convened Republican legislative leaders unexpectedly recessed for eight days to continue negotiations over a special legislative session on tax cuts that was taking place around the same time. Lawmakers ultimately concluded the veto session with no override attempts.

### **NET STATE REVENUE DOWN 2%**

Net state general revenue collections for the first two months of the 2024 fiscal year decreased 2% compared to the same period in FY 2023, going from \$1.98 billion last year to \$1.94 billion this year.

**Collections had been down 7.4% through this July, the**

**first month of FY 2024, but modest growth this August helped to offset the decline.**

Net general revenue collections in August 2023 increased 3.1% compared to August 2022, going from \$1.01 billion last year to \$1.04 billion this year.

Although individual and corporate income tax collections were down slightly, the losses for the month were covered by a collective 19.1% increase in various other state taxes and a 34.8% drop in tax refunds compared to last August.





**Every year I find it increasingly important that we continue to pay our respects to the hundreds of heroic first responders who perished while trying to save others in the 9/11/2001 attacks.**





**Governor Mike Parson conducted a ceremonial bill signing in his office on September 6 with supporters of Senate Bill 186, an omnibus anti-crime bill which was officially signed into law earlier and went into effect on August 28.**



**I was joined after the bill signing by KCMO Police Chief Stacey Graves and Representative Chris Brown, right. The omnibus bill contained language in bills introduced by Brown and me to repeal a provision in state law that nobody over 60 years old could be appointed as KCMO police chief and to update the outdated and non-competitive salary caps in state law for officers of all ranks in the KCMO Police Department which have hindered recruitment and retention.**



## *Annual Kansas City 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony*

*Please Join the American Legion District 5,  
VFW District 5, DAV, Passantino Bros. Funeral Home,  
Muehlebach Funeral Care, and  
The Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City-St. Joseph*

*Monday September 11, 2023*

*5:30—6:00 pm Music by the American Legion Band*

*6:00—7:00 pm Remembrance Ceremony*

*First Responder Memorial, Mount Olivet Cemetery*

*7601 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138*

*A livestream of the ceremony can be viewed on the  
Muehlebach Funeral Care Facebook page*

*With Special Guests*

*Master of Ceremonies Taylor Hemness KSHB News*

*Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas*

*Raytown Mayor Mike McDonough*

*KCMO Police Chief Stacey Graves*

*KCMO Deputy Fire Chief*





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SEPTEMBER 15**  
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You are invited to have a **free** table at the  
**Community Job Fair**

sponsored by  
Ruskin Heights Homes Association,  
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**Saturday, September 16, 9:30 am to noon**  
Southside Optimist Bingo Hall,  
11154 Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 64134

**Employers -**

If you would like to have  
a free table at this event,  
contact Beth Boerger at  
[rhhacommunity@gmail.com](mailto:rhhacommunity@gmail.com)  
or 816-510-4845.



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# There's A New Event In Town

*Presented by Centerwell Senior Primary Care*



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HyVee Arena

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Honorary Co-Chairs Joanne Collins  
and Alvin Brooks.



## South KC Food Pantries

South Kansas City is fortunate to have several food pantries to help less-fortunate residents have enough healthy food to eat. These include:

**Community Assistance Council**, 10901 Blue Ridge Blvd. on the north end of the Ruskin High School campus, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Persons should call



816-763-3277, ext. 100, or email [info@cackc.org](mailto:info@cackc.org) for appointments or questions.

**Red Bridge Area Food Pantry**, 100 W. Red Bridge Rd. in the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday each month. Persons must call 816-908-7800 for appointments by the prior Wednesday.

Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to seven sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

**Center School District**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. as long as food is left on the first Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

**Center District Warehouse**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

**Evangel Church**, 1414 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

**United Believers Community Church**, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

**Ruskin High School**, 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and staff and students will load the food when vehicles reach the school.

**Colonial Presbyterian Church**, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

**Red Bridge United Methodist Church**, 636 E. 117<sup>th</sup> St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.

**Serve and Lift Center – South KC**, 8001 Longview Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Walk-in, call for an appointment or order online at <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/pantry/>



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with any feedback, questions or ideas!**