



Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report

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HOUSE AGAIN APPROVES DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

After several hours of sometimes contentious debate, the House of Representatives on Feb. 12 voted 95-56 to grant first-round approval to legislation to create a statewide prescription drug monitoring program to combat opioid abuse and end Missouri's distinction as the only state in the nation without one. While support for the bill was bipartisan, only Republicans voted in opposition.

A second vote is necessary to send the measure, House Bill 1693, to the Senate, which has blocked similar legislation for years due to opposition from conservatives who believe a state-run PMDP would leave sensitive patient information vulnerable to being hacked or otherwise falling into the wrong hands. Supporters say a PDMP is an important tool to track the over-prescription of narcotics and flag patients who go to multiple doctors to obtain powerful and addictive pain medications.

After the General Assembly proved unable to create a statewide PDMP, St. Louis County launched its own monitoring program several years and opened it up for other counties to join. Nearly 90 percent of the state's population lives in one of the counties that belong to St. Louis County's program. Enacting a statewide PDMP at this point

primarily would just provide PDMP coverage to the remaining counties.

SENATE SENDS 'CLEAN MISSOURI' REPEAL TO THE HOUSE

The Senate voted 22-9 on Feb. 10 to advance to the House of Representatives a proposed constitutional amendment sought by Republicans to ditch new statehouse redistricting reforms that nearly two-thirds of Missourians voted to adopt in 2018. A single Republican joined unanimous Democrats in opposing the measure.

The voter-approved redistricting plan, known as Clean Missouri, calls for state House and Senate seats to be drawn by a non-partisan state demographer using constitutional criteria designed to maximize the number of competitive districts and ensure partisan fairness. Senate Joint Resolution 38 would reinstate a modified version of Missouri's old redistricting process that was controlled by the Republican and Democratic parties.

If the Republican-controlled House also approves SJR 38, it automatically would go on the November 2020 statewide ballot. The Clean Missouri plan is slated for use in the 2021 redistricting cycle but would be pre-empted if voters ratify SJR 38. The new statehouse districts that will be drawn next year will be used from the 2022 through 2030 legislative elections.



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Dear Neighbor,

My name is Mark A. Sharp and I am the newly elected State Representative for District 36th. I wanted to present to you my new weekly "Capitol Report" which will include the latest news and legislative updates about major developments here at the state capitol. As a new member of The 100th General Assembly, 2nd Session, I am proud to serve the people of South Kansas City.

My office in Jefferson City is available to assist you with questions you may have about state government or legislative issues. Please call, email or write anytime. If you are unable to reach me, my assistant Brian Farmer is ready to help you. If you are in Jefferson City, come by my Capitol office in room 109-G, and introduce yourself. The door is always open and I encourage you to visit.

Please forward this email to your friends and family who want to know how what is happening in Jefferson City will impact them here at home.

Yours in Service,
Mark A. Sharp





KC Chamber State Affairs Meeting

My Legislation

[HB2107](#)- Modifies residency requirements for the A+ Schools Program

[HB2169](#)- Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence



Awesome students from Ruskin High School visiting the capitol for Missouri's Future-Student Showcase

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
816-474-TIPS HOTLINE**

**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and

died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



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