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**Capitol Report  
June 14th, 2018**

Earlier this week, I traveled to the Lake of the Ozarks for the annual Missouri Business Climate Policy Roundtable hosted by the Missouri Economic Development Council. During the meeting, I joined several of my colleagues for a sit-down with national site selection consultants to discuss Missouri's economic climate and the attraction of new employers to our state. Missouri has made some very good strides forward in attracting new business to the state. However, as always, there is some room for improvement, education being a large part of the discussion, and we gathered quite a few tips for making Missouri an even better place to live and work. I found it to be a good sign that we had several representatives in attendance, and they all had some very good questions for our panelists!

In other news, the General Assembly hosted our new governor on Monday evening. A recap is in the first section. In the second part of the report, I will continue to summarize Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed (TAFP) bills from this legislative session. All of these bills have been signed and delivered to the governor's office. Bill review will be one of the first duties of the new governor.

**Governor Parson Calls for a Fresh Start in Address to the Missouri General Assembly**

As the legislative special session came to a close on Monday night, the Missouri House and Senate convened for a joint session in the House Chamber to listen to an address from Gov. Mike Parson. The new governor, who was sworn into office Friday, June 1, delivered an address to lawmakers that focused on the importance of public service and the need to work together to create a better Missouri.

As the governor said in his remarks, "We have witnessed politics at its worst and at its best. We have been divided, and we have been united. Missouri has risen to the occasion, as we always do. Today is a time for a fresh start for our state and to recommit ourselves -- we must work together for a better Missouri!"

During his remarks, Parson also stressed that his focus in office will be on serving the people of the state. "As we move forward, together, I pledge that I will spend every day working to make our state stronger and more prosperous," said Parson. "I promise that the welfare of the people will be my guiding principle and sole consideration. And I will never forget -- never forget - that public service is—first and foremost— about serving Missourians."

The General Assembly also closed the special session before leaving on Monday. The next full legislative meeting will be the annual Veto Session, this year scheduled for Sept. 12.

**2018 Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed Bills**

**HB 1465** - Modifies various provisions relating to degree offerings at public institutions of higher education

This bill allows the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to approve new degree programs offered by state institutions of higher education. Community colleges may be authorized to offer baccalaureate degrees to meet local workforce needs, and other universities may collaborate with the University of Missouri to offer degrees in engineering, chiropractic, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry. The West Plains Campus of Missouri State University and the State Technical College of Missouri may also offer baccalaureate degrees if authorized by the Coordinating Board. The University of Missouri remains the state's only public research university and the only institution authorized to grant research doctorates and first-professional degrees including dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. No state college or university may seek the land grant designation held by Lincoln University and the University of Missouri or the research designation currently held by the University of Missouri.

**HB 1469** - Modifies provisions of the Missouri military code by changing the name of the "Missouri reserve military force" to the "Missouri state defense force"

This bill changes references to the "reserve military force" in the Missouri Military Code to the "state defense force."

**HB 1484** - Changes the laws regarding the requirements for the operation of a bingo game

This bill allows persons who have, for at least six months, been a bona fide member of an organization licensed to conduct bingo to participate in the operation of a bingo game. The Constitution currently requires at least two years of membership prior to participation. This bill also removes the statutory restrictions on the advertisement of bingo. This bill will only become effective upon the passage of a Constitutional amendment.

**HB 1492** - Changes the law regarding the Show-Me Heroes program

Currently, the spouses of active duty National Guard or reservists and active duty military personnel, and returning National Guard troops and reservists can participate in the Department of Economic Development's Show-Me Heroes Program for one year following discharge of deployment. This bill extends eligibility in the program to five years from discharge of deployment.

**HB 1500** - Modifies provisions relating to the practice of cosmetology and barbering

This bill establishes guidelines for the future regulation of occupations and professions in the State of Missouri. The bill specifies that the state may not impose a substantial burden on an individual's pursuit of his or her occupation or profession unless there is a reasonable interest for the state to protect the general welfare. If such interest exists, the regulation adopted by the state shall be the least restrictive type of occupational regulation consistent with the public interest to be protected. The bill states that all bills introduced in the General Assembly to regulate an occupation or profession shall be reviewed according to criteria set forth in the bill. Additionally, the bill requires that the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, or any relevant regulatory agency, report and submit certain information to the General Assembly upon the filing of any bill that proposes a new or additional regulation of an occupation or profession.

**HB 1503** – This bill changes the laws relating to military affairs

This bill is my bill that allows veteran-owned small businesses to participate in the Missouri Linked Deposit Program. An "eligible veteran-owned small business" is defined as any business owned by an honorably discharged veteran and Missouri resident who has agreed to locate his or her business in the state for at least three years and employs less than 100 employees, a majority of whom are Missouri residents. In considering which small businesses should receive reduced-rate loans through the Linked Deposit Program, a lending institution must give priority to those owned by veterans. Any veteran who receives a small business loan through the Linked Deposit Program must also complete a boots-to-business program approved by the Department of Economic Development and be assigned a mentor for 365 days following the loan approval date. The owner and his or her mentor must meet at least once every 90 days. The bill also has some other provisions attached to it including provisions for Missouri veteran license plates, the language change to State Defense Force from the Reserve Military Force (HB 1469), and allows preference for military spouses in the processing of professional licenses.

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