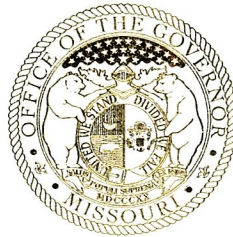


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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
103rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 8 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Public Safety and Department of National Guard and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While these may be worthwhile projects, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify the following expenditures at this time.

This budget includes historic funding for public education, totaling over \$4 billion, including half a billion dollars in new funding over the prior fiscal year and a nearly \$377 million increase over the next largest annual increase for this iteration of the formula.

Section 8.005

I hereby veto \$1 Crime Victims' Compensation Fund for a commercial, real-time automated victim notification system. I also hereby veto the words "commercial," "Missouri Sheriffs, and Missouri Department of Corrections", "a single time", and "; the contracted commercial entity shall house and maintain information necessary to provide automated victim notifications and provide a 24/7 call center for victim support." This language is overly restrictive and may conflict with subsection 650.310.3, RSMo. The Department of Public Safety will continue to coordinate with Missouri Sheriffs and the Missouri Department of Corrections to provide crime victim notifications.

For the purpose of providing funding to procure a victim notification system.
From \$699,999 to \$699,998 from Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

From \$43,058,544 to \$43,058,543 in total for the section.

Section 8.006

I hereby veto \$250,000 general revenue for a minority police officer recruitment and retention program in St. Louis. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This will still provide \$250,000 in additional funding.

For a police officer recruitment and retention program.
From \$500,000 to \$250,000 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$300,000 general revenue for a cybercrime task force in Jasper County. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked State funding for this program.

\$2 million is already appropriated for locals through the State Cyber Crime Grant.

For a cybercrime task force in Jasper County.
From \$300,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$200,000 general revenue for a Youth and Police Train the Trainer program. This appropriation directs funds to a specific program. Article III Section 38(a) of the Missouri Constitution prohibits the General Assembly from granting public money to any private person, association or corporation.

For the purpose of funding a Youth and Police Initiative Train the Trainer program.
From \$200,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for a pilot program to study a school safety software program. This budget includes historic funding for public education, totaling over \$4 billion, including half a billion dollars in new funding over the prior fiscal year and a nearly \$377 million increase over the next largest annual increase for this iteration of the formula.

Given the State's historic investments in education this year, it is incumbent upon local school districts to prioritize the use of their resources for this type of programming as they deem appropriate and necessary.

This budget contains multiple other areas of funding for similar programs.

For the purpose of funding a pilot program to provide research, data analysis, and study the potential for automated emergency notifications.
From \$500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for construction and improvements to a regional law enforcement center in Greene County. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

For construction and improvements to a regional law enforcement center.
From \$4,000,000 to \$2,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$100,000 general revenue for the Raytown Fire Protection District mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedic program. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This funding model is unsustainable as it is funded with one-time funding, but consists of ongoing costs.

For a fire protection district in Raytown to support the operations of the mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedic program.

From \$100,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$1,000,000 general revenue for personnel services for a jail in St. Louis City. This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked State funding for this program.

This funding model is unsustainable as it is funded with one-time funding, but consists of ongoing costs.

For personnel services for a jail located in St. Louis City.

From \$1,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$18,466,000 to \$14,116,000 in total for the section.

Section 8.016

I hereby veto \$850,000 general revenue for a police academy program at Culver-Stockton College. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

In addition, there is currently a POST Commission moratorium on approving any new police training academies.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$850,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$850,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 8.025

I hereby veto \$36,000 general revenue for crime prevention through environmental design training for police in Kansas City. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked State funding for this program.

The introduction of new programs and services supported by State funding should be limited as much as possible at this time.

For a police department located in Kansas City for the purpose of crime prevention through environmental design training.
From \$36,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$536,000 to \$500,000 in total for the section.

Section 8.066

I hereby veto \$500,000 Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund for a sober living program in St. Louis City. This budget contains multiple other areas of funding for similar programs.

This funding model is unsustainable as it is funded with one-time funding, but consists of ongoing costs.

This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Local governments received approximately \$88.3 million dollars in opioid settlement funding. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of state funding.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$500,000 to \$0 from Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund.
From \$500,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 8.132

I hereby veto \$100,000 general revenue for local police public safety initiatives in Ferguson. The City of Ferguson has been designated as a Blue Shield city which allows them to apply for Blue Shield grant funding.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$100,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$100,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 8.150

I hereby veto \$191,662 general revenue for Highway Patrol vehicle replacement and maintenance costs. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This will still provide over \$1.3 million in additional funding.

For the Enforcement Program.

Expense and Equipment by \$191,662 from \$3,693,556 to \$3,501,894 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$20,489,711 to \$20,298,049 in total from General Revenue Fund.
From \$158,693,310 to \$158,501,648 in total for the section.

Section 8.215

I hereby veto \$233,500 general revenue for vehicles for the Division of Fire Safety. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

For the Division of Fire Safety.

Expense and Equipment by \$233,500 from \$422,229 to \$188,729 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$6,475,821 to \$6,242,321 in total from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$760,000 general revenue for a fire and rescue professional education organization in Columbia. This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked State funding for this program.

For an organization located in Columbia whose focus is to plan, develop, deliver and administer state-of-the-art continuing professional education courses.

From \$760,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$9,888,776 to \$8,895,276 in total for the section.

Section 8.226

I hereby veto \$3,500,000 general revenue for a fire department grant program. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This will still provide \$1.5 million in additional funding.

From \$5,000,000 to \$1,500,000 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$5,000,000 to \$1,500,000 in total for the section.

Section 8.227

I hereby veto \$225,000 general revenue for a fire station in Conception. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

Local fire stations may apply for competitive grants for fire station improvements.

For capital improvements to a fire station in a Conception.

From \$225,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$450,000 general revenue for a fire house in Graham or Parnell. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the

foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

Local fire stations may apply for competitive grants for fire station improvements.

For capital improvements to a fire house in Graham or Parnell.
From \$450,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$675,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 8.230

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for a grant to a veteran-only, non-profit homeless shelter in Columbia. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This will still provide \$500,000 in additional funding.

This budget already includes \$31.6 million general revenue for veterans services.

For a grant to a veteran-only, non-profit homeless shelter.
From \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 General Revenue Fund.
From \$12,831,825 to \$12,331,825 in total for the section.

Section 8.231

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for a holistic healthcare for veterans organization in Jackson County. The introduction of new programs and services supported by State funding should be limited as much as possible at this time.

In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the

current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

This budget already includes \$31.6 million general revenue for veterans services.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$500,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 8.232

I hereby veto \$175,000 Veterans Assistance Fund for repairs and renovations to a permanent housing facility for veterans in Columbia. The Veterans Assistance Fund does not have enough cash to support this appropriation.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$175,000 to \$0 from Veterans Assistance Fund.
From \$175,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 8.500

I hereby veto \$160,333 general revenue for two new administrative staff within the Department of the National Guard. In the FY 2026 budget approved by the General Assembly, nearly \$775 million, including \$297 million for the foundation formula, in new general revenue spending was added above what was included in our FY 2026 budget recommendation. Additionally, according to fiscal forecasts, the current trajectory of state-level spending and revenues projects a budget shortfall starting in FY 2027. A course correction in State finances is not only warranted but will be constitutionally required to achieve a balanced budget in future years and safeguard Missouri's financial security and AAA bond rating moving forward. While this may be a worthwhile project, due to the aforementioned reasons, we must control new spending and cannot prudently justify this expenditure at this time.

For Missouri Military Forces Administration.

Personal Service by \$145,000 from \$2,046,422 to \$1,901,422 from General Revenue Fund.
Expense and Equipment by \$15,333 from \$198,392 to \$183,059 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$2,289,837 to \$2,129,504 in total from General Revenue Fund.
From \$2,530,781 to \$2,370,448 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2025 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute House Bill No. 8, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Kehoe", written in a cursive style.

Mike Kehoe
Governor