

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES SEVERAL BILLS IN FINAL WEEK

After several months of deliberation and debate, two major pieces of legislation passed during the last week of session.

The final version of **HB 1311&1341** will require group insurance policies to provide coverage for applied behavioral analysis services (ABA) for autistic children age 18 and younger. The coverage will have an annual cap of \$40,000 and would be adjusted each year for inflation.

The bill went through several compromises in conferences with the Senate, including the age limit and caps on coverage, which were changed from the initial bills in both chambers.

The final version of **SB 844** will restrict committee to committee transfers of campaign donations, and require that donations greater than \$500 be reported within 48 hours. The bill gives additional authority to the Missouri Ethics Commission to launch investigations. Under current law, the commission can act only after receiving a complaint. The bill will also create the crime of obstruction of an ethics investigation.

The General Assembly truly agreed to and finally passed 40 House Bills and 21 Senate Bills last week.

Dates of Interest

- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 15 - Veto session



The last few moments of the second regular session of the 95th General Assembly.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions this session

# House Bills Filed	1,321
# HBs Reported Do Pass	192
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	81
# HBs Perfected	156
# HBs Third Read	78
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	122
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	62
# HBs TAFP	74



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FAST FACTS

Below is a comparison of actions of the House and Senate during the 2009 session.

Year	HBs Filed	SBs Filed	HBs 3rd Read in House	SBs 3rd Read in Senate	HBs TAFP	SBs TAFP
2010	1,321	528	78	89	74	32
2009	1,241	594	188	123	115	49
2008	1,336	600	174	124	77	62
2007	1,330	732	151	177	77	57
2006	1,207	723	173	196	72	95

FLOOR ACTIONS

The House Truly Agreed and Finally Passed the following bills:

- **House Bill 1695, 1742 & 1674**, which changes the laws regarding intoxication-related traffic offenses.
- **House Bill 1764**, which prohibits persons, employers, or health care providers from being compelled to participate in any health care system and allows certain domestic insurance companies to dissolve under certain conditions.
- **House Bill 1408 & 1514**, which changes the time period before interest is paid on an overpayment of income tax from four months to 90 days after the last date to file a return, including an extension, or the date the return was filed.
- **House Bill 1472**, which will change the laws regarding the designation of controlled substances.
- **House Bill 1868**, which changes the laws regarding keys to the Capitol dome, state agencies, MO HealthNet claims and establishes the Joint Committee on the Reduction and Reorganization of Programs Within State Government.
- **Senate Bill 586 & 617**, which regulates sexually oriented businesses.
- **Senate Bill 793**, which will enact provisions regarding informed consent for abortions.

2010 Session Comes to a Close



Representatives toss paper into the air as they take part in an end of session tradition after adjournment on Friday.