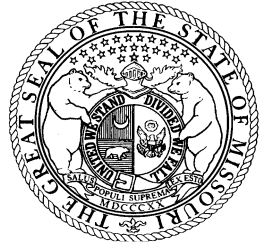




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Veterans Bills Going to the Governor

Jefferson City -- Rep. Dave Griffith had several veteran bills pass last week. **House Bill 1495**, tasks the Missouri veterans commission with expanding its efforts to prevent veteran suicide.

“Senator Black graciously handled my House Bill 1495 in the Missouri Senate and was able to get it passed, without any amendments, by a vote of 30-0.” said Rep. Griffith. “This bill assists our men and women veterans with their mental health and provides more resources for them to receive help and I look forward to the Governor signing the bill into law.”

Senate Bill 912, Veterans omnibus bill, was also passed out of the Missouri Senate last week and is going to the Governor’s desk. The bill was voted out of my Veterans Committee unanimously, and with a vote on the House floor of 147-0, and with a final vote of 29-1 in the senate.

This bill had multiple bills added to it including my: **HB 1494** - Establishes the "Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act", **HB 1495** - Tasks the Missouri veterans commission with expanding its efforts to prevent veteran suicide, **HB 1496** - Establishes the "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program", which provides recognition medals for certain veterans.

“A lot of work went into getting Senate Bill 912 through the process and I thank the Missouri Senate for working with the House in passing this veterans omnibus bill,” said Rep. Griffith.

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