



## Missouri House of Representatives

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### **State Representative Murray Announces Legislative Priorities for 2025 Session**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – State Representative Marty Joe Murray today unveiled his ambitious legislative priorities for the 2025 session, focusing on public safety, economic development, education, consumer protection, and strengthening civic engagement. The legislative agenda reflects Rep. Murray’s commitment to addressing pressing issues impacting Missouri residents while delivering tangible solutions for the state.

“These proposals represent a commitment to improving the lives of Missourians by promoting safety, fairness, and awareness,” Rep. Murray, D-St. Louis, said. “Whether it’s protecting consumers, improving public safety, or advocating for public health and education, this agenda reflects the shared values and priorities of the communities I serve.”

#### **Legislative Highlights**

Rep. Murray’s primary legislative proposals include:

- **HB 692:** Modifies interest rates for consumer installment loans to ensure fair lending practices and protect Missouri families from predatory lenders.
- **HB 693:** Adds improperly transporting or storing a firearm in a motor vehicle to the offense of unlawful use of a weapon, bolstering public safety efforts.
- **HB 694:** Creates provisions for obtaining electronic signatures on initiative petitions, expanding accessibility for civic engagement.
- **HB 695:** Establishes the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor, addressing the need to prevent youth access to firearms.
- **HCR 3:** Designates September as "Sickle Cell Awareness Month" in Missouri, promoting awareness and advocacy for individuals impacted by the condition.
- **HCR 4:** Designates the last week of April each year as "Infertility Awareness Week," fostering support for individuals and families affected by infertility.

#### **Collaborative Efforts**

In addition to his primary bills, Rep. Murray is cosponsoring key legislation with colleagues to expand the impact on issues affecting Missourians:

- **HB 243** (with Rep. Cecelie Williams): Allows the court to enter a judgment of dissolution of marriage or legal separation if a person is pregnant.
- **HB 244** (with Rep. Cecelie Williams): Modifies provisions governing mental health efforts in public schools.
- **HB 279** (with Rep. Raychel Proudie): Authorizes tax credits for developing or renting housing for victims of domestic violence.
- **HB 280** (with Rep. Raychel Proudie): Addresses dissolution of marriage or legal separation during pregnancy.
- **HB 285** (with Rep. Raychel Proudie): Requires certain public schools to offer breakfast after the bell to combat food insecurity among students.
- **HB 289** (with Rep. Raychel Proudie): Specifies that limited liability companies owning real property in St. Louis County must designate a contact person with the county clerk.
- **HB 487** (with Rep. LaDonna Appelbaum): Creates provisions for insurance coverage of fertility treatments, addressing critical family planning needs.

### **Bridging the Gap**

Rep. Murray emphasized that his legislative efforts aim to bridge the gap between government and the people it serves, ensuring that public policy reflects the values of equity, safety, and opportunity.

“These issues touch on the lives of people from all walks of life,” Rep. Murray said. “By working together, I believe we can pass legislation that makes Missouri a safer, healthier, and more equitable place for everyone.”

*Representative Marty Joe Murray, a Democrat, proudly represents part of St. Louis City (District 78) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Murray at 573-751-2383 or by email at [Marty.Murray@House.Mo.Gov](mailto:Marty.Murray@House.Mo.Gov).*

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