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State Rep. Brad Christ Pre-Files Legislation to Create Tax Credit for Amateur Sports

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Representative Brad Christ announced the pre-filing of House Bill 501, a refiling of his previous House Bill 1483 from the 2024 legislative session. HB 501 aims to create a tax credit program for amateur sports across the state.

Representative Christ believes the tax credit would help spur support for amateur sports in Missouri by generating further investment in them and thereby expanding on the economic benefit those sports bring to their communities.

HB 501 would authorize tax credits of six dollars for every ticket sold to an amateur sporting event or twelve dollars for every registered participant. The program would cap this tax credit at \$6 million per fiscal year, with a specific allocation of \$5.5 million for events held in Kansas City or St. Louis.

“This program would allow for the Show-Me State to be a competitive destination with other states as we work to support local community efforts to host major sporting events,” said Christ, R-St. Louis. “Amateur events, like the NCAA Tournament, not only benefit participants but can be major state economic stimulators through tourism, lodging, dining, and retail spending.”

Christ noted the importance of the proposed program, emphasizing, “Investing in this program is investing in Missouri’s economic future. HB 501 would provide a sustainable way to ensure our state remains a top contender for hosting major events and fostering growth in local economies and participation in sports.”

HB 501 is one of the bills pre-filed for the upcoming legislative session, which begins January 8, 2025. Christ encourages his colleagues to support the bill and looks forward to many productive and impactful discussions this session to better the lives of all Missourians.

Representative Brad Christ, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 96) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Christ by email at Brad.Christ@House.Mo.Gov.

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