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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This week saw a lot of filibustering in the Missouri Senate, with the session ending tomorrow. The House of Representatives briefly convened this morning and are in recess until 2:00 p.m. The Senate is in session attempting to get more bills through.

Nearly 900 bills were filed in the Senate and more than 1400 in the House this session. Below is a list of all non-budget bills that have been passed, as of noon today. Note, several amendments have been placed on some of these bills. That will continue as legislators attempt to get their priorities approved this session.

SB 24 Hough, Dist. 30, Springfield

- Creates the "Missouri First Responder Mental Health Initiative Act"

SB 28 Brown, Dist. 16, Rolla

- Modifies provisions relating to access to public records of the Missouri Highway Patrol

SB 39 Thompson, Dist. 27, Sikeston

- Establishes guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex

SB 49 Moon, Dist. 29, Lawrence County

- Establishes the "MO Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act" and modifies provisions relating to public funding of certain gender transition procedures

SB 51 Eslinger, Dist. 33, Wasola

- Related to physical therapists

SB 70 Fitzwater, Dist. 10, Holts Summit

- Related to professional licensing (health care)

SB 75 Black, Dist. 12, Chillicothe

- Retirement systems

SB 94 Hoskins, Dist. 21, Warrensburg

- Show MO Act and Entertainment Industry Jobs Act

SB 101 Crawford, Dist. 28, Buffalo

- Enacts provisions relating to property and casualty insurance (Privatization of public corporations, aircraft insurance, lender-placed)

SB 103 Crawford, Dist. 28, Buffalo

- Judicial proceedings

SB 106 Arthur, Dist. 17, Kansas City

- Related to public health (Patient exams, extends MO Health Net benefits for pregnant and postpartum women, and several other provisions)

SB 139 Bean, Dist. 25, Holcomb

- Establishes the "Stars and Stripes Historic Region of Missouri" (plus other state designations)

SB 167 Brown, Dist. 26, Washington

- Related to medical examiner's certificate

SB 190 Luetkemeyer, Dist. 34, Kansas City

- Tax relief for seniors (Property tax credit and retirement benefits income tax deduction)

SCR 8 Bean, Dist. 25, Holcomb

- Designates Campbell as the Peach Capital of Missouri

HB 131 Griffith, Dist.

- Allows for payment of state employees every two weeks

HB 402 Henderson, Dist. 117, Bonne Terre

- Modifies provisions related to health care

HB 417 Henderson, Dist. 117, Bonne Terre

- Grants to employers for upskilling employees

HB 202 Francis, Dist. 145, Perryville

- Repeals industrial hemp regulatory program



**ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY GRANT PROGRAM  
NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

# NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

DED's ARPA Entertainment Industry Grant Program opened for applications today, May 11 at 10 a.m. CDT. You can apply now using the [MO DED ARPA Federal Initiatives Submission Manager](#). Please note that you will need to sign up for a Submittable account to apply.

## NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM FINAL GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE

The Department of Economic Development (DED) has posted final guidelines for its Nonprofit Grant Program. The program is funded via the State of Missouri's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This program will invest \$7.5 million to support 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) nonprofits serving disadvantaged, vulnerable, or at-risk populations that have experienced negative economic impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications are expected to open May 31 at 10 a.m. CDT. Complete information is also available on DED's ARPA Business and Community Development webpage.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## ATTRACTIONS SEM CO-OP PRESENTATION

Join Explore Branson and Madden Media for a presentation on the upcoming Attractions SEM Co-Op Program. This program will ensure that partners receive a greater share of relevant and interested consumer traffic to their own sites through a powerful keyword SEM program with a funding match. Learn more at the presentation next week on Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 AM in the Silver Dollar City Room at the Branson Chamber & CVB Building.

**Wednesday, May 17 | 10:00 AM**  
**Branson Chamber and CVB**  
**4100 Gretna Road**  
**Branson, MO 65616**



[RSVP HERE](#)

# GOOD MORNING, BRANSON FEATURING MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL



Join us for a special Good Morning, Branson May 18 at Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center presented by Titanic Museum Attraction. In addition to hearing updates from county commissioners, city administrators, and chamber leadership, this “Good Morning, Branson” will feature a presentation by Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey, as well as State Representatives Brian Seitz, Travis Smith, and Brad Hudson. Click the link below to save your seat.

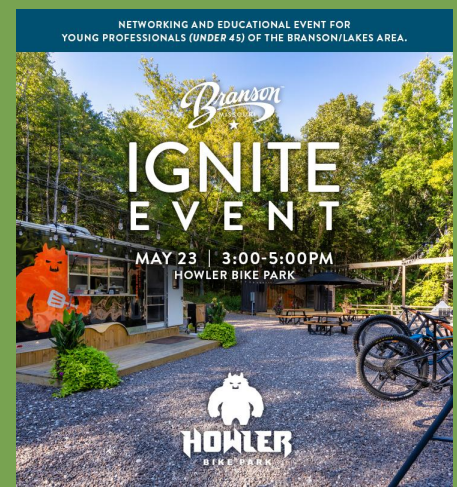
**May 18 | 8:00-9:30 AM**  
**Chateau on the Lake Resort  
Spa and Convention Center**  
**415 N State Hwy 265**  
**Branson, MO 65616**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## SECOND IGNITE EVENT OF 2023

Ignite Branson’s vision is to foster an environment where young professionals are engaged, energized, and empowered to help shape the future of the Branson/Lakes Area. After a brief hiatus, Ignite is firing back up in 2023 with four events featuring topics specifically geared toward the forty-something and under crowd.

This event will be like none other. We will start by hiking down to Howler Bike Park’s outdoor stage at their Base Camp. There, we will have an intriguing presentation with a panel of unique area entrepreneurs. Snacks will be provided. More information to come post registration. Click the link below to register!



**Tuesday, May 23 | 3-5 PM**  
**Howler Bike Park**  
**3410 US-65**  
**Walnut Shade, MO 65771**

**REGISTER HERE**

## NEW MEMBERS

**El Lago Mexican Restaurant**  
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## RENEWED MEMBERS

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Branson Veterans Task Force  
Brashears Furniture Inc.  
Fall Creek Steak & Catfish House  
Holiday Inn Club Vacations Holiday Hills Resort at Branson  
Ozarks Dynacom  
Parakeet Pete's Waterfront Zipline  
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