



GenerateHealth
Champions of Family and Community

Legislative Report Card

2022 Legislative Session



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Introduction

Generate Health's vision for the St. Louis region is zero racial disparities in infant and maternal mortality by 2033. To achieve this, we are mobilizing our coalition of partners, providers, and community leaders to transform St. Louis' health care and social support systems so that Black women and birthing people experience their desired pregnancy and birth outcomes. In St. Louis, Black moms and babies are dying at a higher rate than any other race. This pattern isn't caused by individual choices or behaviors – it's due to the long history of racist structures and policies that have shaped our region. We envision a future where Black families are supported by our entire community and pregnancy and birth are a time of joy and celebration.

A core part of our work is to advocate for policies and practices that impact Black maternal, infant, and family well-being, and we provide resources to keep community members informed about legislative action. We also develop relationships with policymakers and share our mission broadly so that it can be championed at multiple levels of decision-making.

Elected officials have a responsibility to uphold the will of the people and support their wellbeing through racially equitable, health-promoting policies. That's why we elected them, right? And as their constituents, we need to hold them accountable for their duties and promises. That's why Generate Health developed a Legislative Report Card - to 'score' state legislators on their support of the well-being of Black mothers and birthing people, infants, and families. Each year, we track the movement of state level policies in the six categories that most closely relate to our annual policy and advocacy agenda—Food Security , Health and Mental Health, Housing, Infant and Maternal Health, Racial Equity, and the Safety Net—and then evaluate State Senators and Representatives based on their bill sponsorship and voting record against the items that mostly closely align with our policy and advocacy agenda. The data for 2022 is compiled and presented in this document, our 2022 Legislative Report Card.

Key Issues This Session

During the 2022 session, Generate Health tracked approximately 80 policies that if passed, could have either a direct or indirect impact on Black maternal and infant health. Topics of bills tracked included contraception, food security, housing, perinatal mental health, immunizations, and health care coverage. However, there were several key issues that gathered momentum, were voted upon, and had the most impact on the scores calculated in this Report Card.

Overall, maternal health was a key issue during the 2022 legislative session. Several high-profile bills that focused on maternal health were filed, enjoyed strong bipartisan support, and progressed quickly in both chambers. This includes proposals for a 12-month extension of health care coverage for mothers on Medicaid and efforts to establish a prison nursery program for postpartum mothers at a state correctional facility. While the 12-month postpartum coverage extension bill ultimately stalled in both Chambers and did not make it across the finish line, the prison nursery program bill did and was signed into law by Governor Parson this summer.

Another priority issue related to Black maternal and infant health was to protect Medicaid expansion. House Journal Resolution 117 which threatened funding for Medicaid expansion and imposed onerous work and community service reporting requirements, made it through the House along party lines. However, when the bill came to the Senate, it did not make it out of Committee and the effort died. Subsequently, full funding for Medicaid expansion was approved in the Budget process with support from members of both parties. Also included in the budget was a \$500,000 line item to establish the Cora Faith Walker Doula Training Program. This proposal and relevant budget bill received bipartisan support in both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Parson.

Additionally, this session saw several proposals aimed at providing financial relief for the costs associated with purchasing basic needs that have a direct impact on health outcomes, such as food, diapers, and period supplies. While none of these proposals made it across the finish line, there were several key committee votes that enjoyed bipartisan support.

Our Methodology

Not all the bills tracked this session were scored for this report card. To select which policies were most important to include for our report card scores, we used the following criteria:

- Will the given policy have a direct impact on Black moms and babies?
- Is the given policy explicitly related to maternal/infant health?
- Will the given policy have a direct impact on racial equity?
- Is the given policy explicitly related to the social determinants of health?

Bills most closely meeting these four criteria (approximately 50 bills in 2022) were scored. Legislators received points for voting 'yes' on bills that align with Generate Health's mission, and for voting 'no' on bills that work against Generate Health's mission. They also received bonus points for sponsoring bills that align with our mission. Likewise, legislators lost points if they sponsored bills that do not support our mission.

We then calculated legislators' total score percentage – their total points earned divided by the number of points possible. Using this percentage, we grouped legislators into three categories, which represent their level of support for Black maternal, infant, and family well-being: Supporters, Inconsistent Supporters, or Non-Supporters, described below.

How to Use this Report Card

We suggest you first look up your state Representative and state Senator, then find them in this document. How did they rank in supporting Black maternal and infant health in Missouri this session? You can use our [advocacy toolkit](#) to learn how to encourage them to either start supporting or continue advocating for policies that are important to you.

Our hope is that this information is useful for those advocating for the health and well-being of Black moms, birthing people, and their families. It should be noted that this data reflects one point in time and should not be the sole basis of judgment for the performance of any legislator.

Score Classifications

Champions: These legislators are persistent in promoting and protecting Black maternal, infant, and family well-being. They consistently vote in favor of racially equitable, health promoting bills, and they vote against harmful bills. They also frequently sponsor and co-sponsor bills that advance racial equity, family and community well-being, and the health and rights of birthing and parenting people.

Inconsistent Supporters: These legislators have demonstrated that they have the capacity to vote for and sponsor bills that support Black maternal, infant, and family well-being. They occasionally vote for and sponsor bills that promote this work. However, they also vote for and sponsor bills that are not favorable. They will need to show a stronger, more consistent commitment to be recognized as Champions.

Non-Supporters: These lawmakers' votes and sponsored bills stand in the way of progress for Black mothers, infants, and families. Their legislative actions create and perpetuate barriers to racial equity, family well-being, and community health.

Missouri Senate

* Indicates legislator is termed out of their current office at the end of 2022 and will no longer be serving in this seat

** Indicates legislator will complete service in this seat at the end of 2022 (e.g., decided not to run again, was redistricted, was defeated, etc.)

Champions (75-100%)

Senator	Party	District
Lauren Arthur	Democrat	17
Jason Bean	Republican	25
Doug Beck	Democrat	1
Mike Bernskoetter	Republican	6
Mike Cierpiot	Republican	8
Sandy Crawford	Republican	28
Karla Eslinger	Republican	33
Elaine Gannon	Republican	3
Dan Hegeman*	Republican	12
Lincoln Hough	Republican	30
Tony Luetkemeyer	Republican	34
Karla May	Democrat	4
Angela Mosley	Democrat	13
Cindy O'Laughlin	Republican	18
Greg Razer	Democrat	7
Holly Rehder	Republican	27
Jeannie Riddle*	Republican	10
John Rizzo	Democrat	11
Steven Roberts	Democrat	5
Caleb Rowden	Republican	19
Dave Schatz*	Republican	26
Jill Schupp*	Democrat	24

Champions (75-100%)

Senator	Party	District
Barbara Washington	Democrat	9
Bill White	Republican	32
Paul Wieland*	Republican	22
Brian Williams	Democrat	14

Inconsistent Supporters (50-74%)

Senator	Party	District
Rick Brattin	Republican	31
Justin Brown	Republican	16
Denny Hoskins	Republican	21
Andrew Koenig	Republican	15

Non-Supporters (<50%)

Senator	Party	District
Eric Burlison**	Republican	20
Bill Eigel	Republican	23
Mike Moon	Republican	29
Bob Onder*	Republican	2

Missouri House of Representatives

Champions (75-100%)

Representative	Party	District
Joe Adams	Democrat	86
Rasheen Aldridge	Democrat	78
Marlon Anderson	Democrat	76
LaDonna Appelbaum	Democrat	71
Ashley Aune	Democrat	14
Gretchen Bangert**	Democrat	69
Donna Baringer	Democrat	82
Jerome Barnes	Democrat	28
Ashley Bland Manlove	Democrat	26
LaKeySha Bosley	Democrat	79
Richard Brown	Democrat	27
Paula Brown**	Democrat	70
Ingrid Burnett	Democrat	19
Michael Burton	Democrat	92
Steve Butz	Democrat	81
Phil Christofanelli**	Republican	105
Doug Clemens	Democrat	72
Mary Elizabeth Coleman**	Republican	97
Kimberly-Ann Collins	Democrat	77
Bishop Davidson	Republican	130
Bruce DeGroot	Republican	101
Shamed Dogan	Republican	98
Jo Doll**	Democrat	83

Champions (continued)

Representative	Party	District
Mark Ellebracht	Democrat	17
Betsy Fogle	Democrat	135
Alan Gray	Democrat	75
Trish Gunby	Democrat	99
Mike Haffner	Republican	43
Keri Ingle	Democrat	35
Michael Johnson	Democrat	23
Patty Lewis	Democrat	25
Ian Mackey**	Democrat	87
Tracy McCreery**	Democrat	88
Mike McGirl	Republican	118
Peter Meredith	Democrat	80
Herman Morse	Republican	151
Jay Mosley	Democrat	68
Maggie Nurrenbern	Democrat	15
Michael Person**	Democrat	74
Barbara Phifer	Democrat	90
Randy Pietzman	Republican	41
Wiley Price**	Democrat	84
Raychel Proudie	Democrat	73
Crystal Quade	Democrat	132
Wes Rogers**	Democrat	18
Robert Sauls	Democrat	21
Mark Sharp	Democrat	36
Brenda Shields	Republican	11
Neil Smith**	Democrat	67
David Tyson Smith**	Democrat	45
Mike Stephens	Republican	128
Martha Stevens	Democrat	46

Champions (continued)

Representative	Party	District
Marlene Terry	Democrat	66
Annette Turnbaugh	Democrat	37
Sarah Unsicker**	Democrat	91
Bridget Walsh Moore	Democrat	93
Emily Weber	Democrat	24
Kevin Windham**	Democrat	85
Yolanda Young	Democrat	22

Inconsistent Supporters (50-74%)

Representative	Party	District
Allen Andrews*	Republican	1
Darrell Atchison	Republican	153
Ben Baker	Republican	160
Chuck Basye*	Republican	47
Hardy Billington	Republican	152
Rusty Black	Republican	162
John Black**	Republican	137
Mitch Boggs	Republican	157
Bob Bromley	Republican	162
Chris Brown	Republican	16
Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway	Republican	115
Jamie Burger	Republican	148
Danny Busick	Republican	3
Jeff Coleman	Republican	32
Bennie Cook**	Republican	142

Inconsistent Supporters (continued)

Representative	Party	District
Ron Copeland	Republican	143
Scott Cupps	Republican	158
Michael Davis	Republican	56
Dirk Deaton	Republican	159
Chris Dinkins	Republican	144
David Evans	Republican	154
Bill Faulkner	Republican	10
Craig Fishel	Republican	136
Travis Fitzwater*	Republican	49
Rick Francis	Republican	145
David Gregory**	Republican	96
Kurtis Gregory	Republican	51
Derek Grier**	Republican	100
Dave Griffith	Republican	60
Kent Haden	Republican	43
Willard Haley	Republican	58
Bill Hardwick**	Republican	122
Mike Henderson	Republican	117
Ron Hicks**	Republican	102
Dan Houx	Republican	54
Barry Hovis	Republican	146
Josh Hulbert**	Republican	12
Jim Kalberloh**	Republican	125
Ann Kelley	Republican	127
Hannah Kelly	Republican	141
Bill Kidd*	Republican	20
Jeff Knight	Republican	129
Ed Lewis	Republican	6
Tony Lovasco	Republican	64

Inconsistent Supporters (continued)

Representative	Party	District
Don Mayhew**	Republican	121
Peggy McGaugh**	Republican	39
Jim Murphy	Republican	94
Michael O'Donnell	Republican	95
Bill Owen	Republican	131
Jonathan Patterson	Republican	30
Patricia Pike*	Republican	126
Dean Plocher	Republican	89
Brad Pollitt	Republican	52
Jeff Porter*	Republican	42
Sean Pouche	Republican	13
Randy Railsback**	Republican	8
Rodger Reedy	Republican	57
Doug Richey**	Republican	38
Louis Riggs	Republican	5
Alex Riley	Republican	134
Lane Roberts	Republican	161
Shane Roden*	Republican	111
Bruce Sassman**	Republican	62
Adam Schnelting**	Republican	104
Nick Schroer	Republican	107
Adam Schwadron**	Republican	106
Brian Seitz	Republican	156
Greg Sharpe	Republican	4
Dan Shaul*	Republican	113
John Simmons**	Republican	109
Travis Smith	Republican	155
Dan Stacy	Republican	31

Inconsistent Supporters (continued)

Representative	Party	District
Nate Tate**	Republican	119
Tim Taylor	Republican	48
Lisa Thomas	Republican	124
Terry Thompson	Republican	53
Cheri Toalson Reisch	Republican	44
Curtis Trent**	Republican	133
Dean Van Schoiack	Republican	9
Rudy Veit	Republican	59
Rob Vescovo*	Republican	112
Richard West**	Republican	63
John Wiemann	Republican	103
Dale Wright	Republican	116

Non-Supporters (<50%)

Representative	Party	District
Dottie Bailey**	Republican	110
Jason Chipman*	Republican	120
J. Eggleston*	Republican	2
Brad Hudson	Republican	138
Andrew McDaniel*	Republican	150
Chad Perkins	Republican	40
Suzie Pollock**	Republican	123
Don Rone*	Republican	149
Chris Sander	Republican	133
Cody Smith	Republican	163
Jered Taylor*	Republican	139
Sara Walsh**	Republican	103



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