



GenerateHealth
Champions of Family and Community

Legislative Report Card

2021



Introduction

Generate Health's mission is to inspire and mobilize the St. Louis region to advance racial equity in pregnancy outcomes, family well-being, and community health. We aim to make this a reality through:

- Advocating for policies and practices that impact Black maternal, infant, and family well-being;
- Providing resources to keep community members informed about legislative action; and
- Sharing our mission broadly so that it can be championed at both the state and local level.

In other words, we work to promote policies that improve the health of **YOU** and **YOUR COMMUNITY!**

Our elected officials have a responsibility to establish a shared vision for our community's future and developing policies that work toward making that future possible. As their constituents, we need to hold them accountable.

One way to hold legislators accountable is to review how they vote on legislation. Generate Health created this legislative report card to do just that. We evaluated state Senators and Representatives based on their bill sponsorship and voting record for the 2021 Legislative Sessions (Regular and Executive Sessions). Then we developed a scoring system to reflect the support state legislators provide to legislation that impact the well-being of Black pregnant and parenting people and their infants.

How to use this report card:

[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? 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.

Stay involved in our work:

We hope this information helps you to be advocate for yourself and your community. Please sign up for our [advocacy updates](#), follow Generate Health on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or contact info@generatehealth.org to learn more about ways to be involved in policy and advocacy efforts to help Black families in St. Louis thrive.

Generate Health's Six Key Policy Areas for Legislative Tracking:

Although there are many factors that affect Black maternal, infant, and family well-being, Generate Health has identified six main policy areas that are most likely to improve Black maternal and infant health.

Infant and Maternal Health refers to the health of women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period. Infant health is the babies' health in the first twelve months of life. A healthy start during the perinatal period influences infancy, childhood and adulthood¹.

Racial Equity is the condition that would be achieved if one's racial identity no longer predicted, in how one fares. When we use the term, we are thinking about racial equity as one part of racial justice, thus we also include work to address root causes of inequities. This includes elimination of policies, practices, attitudes, and cultural messages that reinforce differential outcomes by race or that fail to eliminate them².

Housing encompasses a number of challenges, overcrowding, moving frequently, homelessness, the health effects of substandard housing, forced evictions or spending the bulk of household income on housing; which may negatively affect health and make it harder to access health care³.

Mental Health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from infancy through adulthood⁴.

Reproductive Health is the physical, mental and social well-being in all matters relating to the reproductive system, functions and processes. Reproductive health implies that people have the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide if, when and how often to do so⁵.

Food Insecurity is the condition of not having access to sufficient food, or food of an adequate quality, to meet one's basic needs. Pregnant women who lack access to fresh, healthy and affordable foods, can experience increased challenges with delivering a healthy baby⁶.

Safety Net programs provides protection to individuals and families from the impact of economic instability, natural disasters, and other crises.

1 <https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/Life-stages/maternal-and-newborn-health/maternal-and-newborn-health>

2 <https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary>

3 <https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/social-determinants-health/interventions-resources/housing-instability>

4 <https://www.mentalhealth.gov/basics/what-is-mental-health>

5 <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/health-topics/reproductive-health>

6 <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/definitions-of-food-security.aspx>

Report Card Grading Metric

Legislators received points for voting ‘yes’ on bills that align with our mission, and for voting ‘no’ on bills that work against Generate Health’s mission. They received bonus points for sponsoring bills that align with the agency’s mission. Likewise, legislators lost points if they sponsored bills that obstruct our mission. Based on their level of support for Black maternal, infant, and family well-being, legislators fall into one of three categories: **Champions**, **Inconsistent Supporters**, or **Non-Supporters**, as described below.

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.

Not Enough Information: A few legislators were absent during key votes or sat on committees that did not often hear the types of bills we used for scoring. Thus, we are unable to objectively assign a score to these policymakers.

Supportive Members of the Missouri Senate

Champions

Senator	Party	District
Lauren Arthur	Democrat	17
Doug Beck	Democrat	1
Lincoln Hough	Republican	30
Karla May	Democrat	4
Angela Mosley	Democrat	13
Greg Razer	Democrat	7
John Rizzo	Democrat	11
Steven Roberts	Democrat	5
Jill Schupp	Democrat	24
Barbara Washington	Democrat	9
Brian Williams	Democrat	14

Inconsistent Supporters

Senator	Party	District
Jason Bean	Republican	25
Mike Bernskoetter	Republican	6
Justin Brown	Republican	16
Mike Cierpiot	Republican	8
Sandy Crawford	Republican	28
Dan Hegeman	Republican	12
Caleb Rowden	Republican	19
Dave Schatz	Republican	26

Non-Supportive Members of the Missouri Senate

Non-Supporters

Senator	Party	District
Rick Brattan	Republican	31
Eric Burlison	Republican	20
Bill Eigel	Republican	23
Karla Eslinger	Republican	33
Elaine Gannon	Republican	3
Denny Hoskins	Republican	21
Andrew Koenig	Republican	15
Mike Moon	Republican	29
Cindy O’Laughlin	Republican	18
Bob Onder	Republican	2
Holly Rehder	Republican	27
Jeanie Riddle	Republican	10
Bill White	Republican	32
Paul Wieland	Republican	22

Champions in the Missouri House of Representatives

Representative	Party	District	Representative	Party	District
Joe Adams	Democrat	86	Tracy McCreery	Democrat	88
Rasheen Aldridge	Democrat	78	Peter Merideth	Democrat	80
Marlon Anderson	Democrat	76	Jay Mosley	Democrat	68
LaDonna Appelbaum	Democrat	71	Maggie Nurrenbern	Democrat	15
Ashley Aune	Democrat	14	Michael Person	Democrat	74
Gretchen Bangert	Democrat	69	Barbara Phifer	Democrat	90
Donna Baringer	Democrat	82	Wiley Price	Democrat	84
Jerome Barnes	Democrat	28	Raychel Proudie	Democrat	73
Ashley Bland Manlove	Democrat	26	Crystal Quade	Democrat	132
LaKeySha Bosley	Democrat	79	Wes Rogers	Democrat	18
Richard Brown	Democrat	27	Rory Rowland	Democrat	29
Paula Brown	Democrat	70	Robert Sauls	Democrat	21
Ingrid Burnett	Democrat	19	Mark Sharp	Democrat	36
Michael Burton	Democrat	92	Travis Smith	Republican	155
Doug Clemens	Democrat	72	Neil Smith	Democrat	67
Kimberly-Ann Collins	Democrat	77	Martha Stevens	Democrat	46
Jo Doll	Democrat	83	Nate Tate	Republican	119
Mark Ellebracht	Democrat	17	Marlene Terry	Democrat	66
Betsy Fogle	Democrat	135	Annette Turnbaugh	Democrat	37
Alan Gray	Democrat	75	Sarah Unsicker	Democrat	91
Trish Gunby	Democrat	99	Bridget Walsh Moore	Democrat	93
Keri Ingle	Democrat	35	Emily Weber	Democrat	24
Michael Johnson	Democrat	23	Kevin Windham	Democrat	85
Patty Lewis	Democrat	25	Yolanda Young	Democrat	22
Ian Mackey	Democrat	87			

Inconsistent Supporters in the Missouri House of Representatives

Representative	Party	District	Representative	Party	District
Bob Bromley	Republican	162	Jonathan Patterson	Republican	30
Chris Brown	Republican	16	Randy Pietzman	Republican	41
Jason Chipman	Republican	120	Patricia Pike	Republican	126
Jeff Coleman	Republican	32	Dean Plocher	Republican	89
Ron Copeland	Republican	143	Brad Pollitt	Republican	52
Tricia Derges	Republican	140	Suzie Pollock	Republican	123
Shamed Dogan	Republican	98	Randy Railsback	Republican	8
Bill Falkner	Republican	10	Rodger Reedy	Republican	57
Travis Fitzwater	Republican	49	Greg Sharpe	Republican	4
Rick Francis	Republican	145	Dan Shaul	Republican	113
Derek Grier	Republican	100	Brenda Shields	Republican	11
Dave Griffith	Republican	60	Mike Stephens	Republican	128
Tom Hannegan	Republican	65	Jered Taylor	Republican	139
Bill Hardwick	Republican	117	Lisa Thomas	Republican	124
Ron Hicks	Republican	102	Terry Thompson	Republican	53
Barry Hovis	Republican	146	Rudy Veit	Republican	59
Jeff Knight	Republican	129	Rob Vescovo	Republican	112
Herman Morse	Republican	151	Wayne Wallingford	Republican	147
Bill Owen	Republican	131			

Non-Supporters in the Missouri House of Representatives

Representative	Party	District	Representative	Party	District
Allen Andrews	Republican	1	Craig Fishel	Republican	136
Darrell Atchison	Republican	153	David Gregory	Republican	96
Dottie Bailey	Republican	110	Kurtis Gregory	Republican	51
Ben Baker	Republican	160	Aaron Griesheimer	Republican	61
Chuck Basye	Republican	47	Kent Haden	Republican	43
Hardy Billington	Republican	152	Mike Haffner	Republican	55
Rusty Black	Republican	7	Willard Haley	Republican	58
John Black	Republican	137	Justin Hill	Republican	108
Mitch Boggs	Republican	157	Dan Houx	Republican	54
Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway	Republican	115	Brad Hudson	Republican	138
Jamie Burger	Republican	148	Josh Hulbert	Republican	12
Danny Busick	Republican	3	Jim Kalberloh	Republican	125
Phil Christofanelli	Republican	105	Ann Kelley	Republican	127
Mary Elizabeth Coleman	Republican	97	Hannah Kelly	Republican	141
Bennie Cook	Republican	142	Bill Kidd	Republican	20
Scott Cupps	Republican	158	Ed Lewis	Republican	6
Bishop Davidson	Republican	130	Tony Lovasco	Republican	64
Michael Davis	Republican	56	Don Mayhew	Republican	121
Bruce DeGroot	Republican	101	Peggy McGaugh	Republican	39
Dirk Deaton	Republican	159	Mike McGirl	Republican	118
Chris Dinkins	Republican	144	Jim Murphy	Republican	94
J. Eggleston	Republican	2	Michael O'Donnell	Republican	95
David Evans	Republican	154	Chad Perkins	Republican	40

Non-Supporters in the Missouri House of Representatives (cont.)

Representative	Party	District	Representative	Party	District
Jeff Porter	Republican	42	Nick Schroer	Republican	107
Sean Pouche	Republican	13	Adam Schwadron	Republican	106
Doug Richey	Republican	38	Cody Smith	Republican	163
Louis Riggs	Republican	5	Dan Stacy	Republican	31
Alex Riley	Republican	134	Tim Taylor	Republican	48
Lane Roberts	Republican	161	Cheri Toalson Reisch	Republican	44
Shane Roden	Republican	111	Curtis Trent	Republican	133
Don Rone	Republican	149	Dean Van Schoiack	Republican	9
Becky Ruth	Republican	114	Sara Walsh	Republican	50
Chris Sandler	Republican	33	Richard West	Republican	63
Bruce Sassman	Republican	62	John Wiemann	Republican	103
Brian Seitz	Republican	156	Dale Wright	Republican	116

Representatives with Not Enough Information

Representative	Party	District	Representative	Party	District
Steve Butz	Democrat	81	Adam Schnelting	Republican	104
Andrew McDaniel	Republican	150	John Simmons	Republican	109
Rick Roeber	Republican	34	David Smith	Democrat	45



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