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Section	Original Bill	Sponsor	Status as of 4/24/24	Description
42.022, 42.051, 42.312, 143.174, 143.175, 227.854, 301.142, 301.3030, 301.3061, 301.3180, and 302.188.	SS SCS SB 912	Brown	Underlying bill	<p>VETERAN SUICIDE (Section 42.022)</p> <p>This requires the Missouri Veterans' Commission to review the provisions of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 and any regulations related to the Act. After review, the Commission, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health, shall provide recommendations and make efforts to adopt procedures, programs, treatment options, aid, and other assistance necessary to assist in the efforts to prevent veteran suicide. Additionally, this bill provides that the Commission must file a report with the Department of Public Safety and the General Assembly on the recommendations, implementation, and effectiveness of the Commission's efforts to prevent veteran suicide before July 1, 2025, and by every subsequent July 1st.</p> <p>These provisions are the same as HB 132 (2023), provisions in SCS SB 734 (2024) and provisions in SCS HB 1067 (2023).</p> <p>SERVICES FOR VETERAN BY STATE AGENCIES (Section 42.051)</p> <p>Currently, state agencies must ensure that any form created or modified after August 28, 2021, that is used to collect data from individuals includes certain questions regarding veteran status and the provision of the agency's assistance and information on veteran services. This provides that state agencies shall include the following questions on any form created or modified after August 28, 2024, that is used to interact with members of the public:</p> <p>(1) Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?</p> <p>(2) Would you like to receive information and assistance regarding veteran benefits and services? and</p> <p>(3) May the agency share your contact information with the Missouri Veterans Commission to provide such information? General information may also be found on the Missouri Veterans Commission's website.</p> <p>Every state agency shall provide the contact information of those individuals answering question (3) in the affirmative to the Missouri Veterans Commission within seven business days of receipt and shall provide the contact information in a format readily accessible by the Commission.</p>

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442.571 Removed from HCS	SS SCS SB 912 Removed in HCS		N/A	<p>FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND NEAR MILITARY AREAS (Section 442.571) (Removed in HCS)</p> <p>The SS modifies provisions relating to foreign ownership of agricultural land near certain military areas.</p> <p>Currently, aliens and foreign businesses are capable of acquiring, by grant, purchase, devise, or descent, no more than 1% of the total aggregate agricultural acreage in the state can be owned by an alien or foreign business. The SS repealed that provision and provided that beginning August 28, 2024, no alien or foreign business shall acquire agricultural land within 500 miles of certain military areas or business establishments engaged in certain military manufacturing as provided in the bill.</p>

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115.085	SCS SB 1415	Black	Voted Do Pass	<p>Current law permits only registered voters in this state to serve as election judges. This bill allows military service members on active duty in this state and nonresident military spouses to also serve as election judges.</p> <p>This provision has an effective date of January 1, 2025.</p>
173.239	SB 1322	Crawford	Voted Do Pass	<p>Currently, any Missouri National Guard member may be awarded an educational assistance grant to an approved public or private higher education institution. This bill provides that any Missouri National Guard member may be awarded, upon application before each semester, either a tuition and fee waiver for undergraduate courses at a postsecondary institution of higher education located in this state that directly receives funds appropriated by the General Assembly or a grant to certain eligible institutions as defined in the bill. The educational assistance shall not exceed the lesser of the actual tuition charged at an institution where the member is enrolled or accepted for enrollment or the total of the number of credit hours taken multiplied by the average tuition cost per credit hour charged to a Missouri resident at the University of Missouri for attendance, with the average cost determined by the Missouri National Guard.</p>
452.1200, 452.1202, 452.1204, 452.1206, 452.1208, 452.1210, 452.1212, 452.1214, 452.1216, 452.1218,	HB 1494	Griffith	Perfected	<p>The bill states the situations in which the residence of a deploying parent is not changed by reason of deployment and when disclosure of their residence is allowed and prohibited when a court with jurisdiction issues a temporary or permanent order regarding custodial responsibility.</p> <p>Furthermore, a deploying parent shall notify the other parent, in a record, of a pending deployment not later than seven days after receiving notice of deployment unless reasonably</p>

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452.1220, 452.1222, 452.1224, 452.1226, 4452.1228, 452.1230, 452.1232, 452.1234, 452.1236, 452.1238, 452.1240, 452.1242, 452.1244, 452.1246, 452.1248, 452.1250, 452.1252, 452.1254, 452.1256, and 452.1258				<p>prevented from doing so by the circumstances of service, and then the deploying parent shall notify as soon as reasonably possible. Each parent shall provide the other parent, in a record, with a plan for fulfilling that parent's share of custodial responsibility during deployment. Each parent shall provide the plan as soon as reasonably possible after notification of deployment.</p> <p>The bill also states that in a proceeding for custodial responsibility of a child of a service member, a court may not consider a parent's past deployment or possible future deployment in itself in determining the best interest of the child but may consider any significant impact on the best interest of the child of the parent's past or possible future deployment.</p> <p>The bill also explains the procedure in which the parents can enter into a temporary agreement that grants custodial responsibilities over the child during deployment. Such agreement will terminate after the deploying parent returns from deployment unless the agreement has been terminated before that time by court order or modification. If granted caretaking authority over the child by the temporary agreement, subject to the provisions in this bill, that nonparent has standing to enforce the agreement until it has been terminated by court order or by modification.</p> <p>The bill also states the court procedures needed to file a motion to grant custodial responsibility as well as the procedure in which the temporary custodial responsibility agreement can be modified or terminated.</p> <p>Unless a grant of caretaking authority to a nonparent is agreed to by the other parent, the granted authority is limited to an amount of time not greater than:</p> <p>(1) The amount of time granted to the deploying parent under a permanent custody order, but the court may add unusual travel time necessary to transport the child; or</p> <p>(2) In the absence of a permanent custody order that is currently in effect, the amount of time that the deploying parent habitually cared for the child before being notified of deployment, but the court may add unusual travel time necessary to transport the child.</p> <p>After a deploying parent returns from deployment, until a temporary agreement or order for custodial responsibility is terminated, the court shall issue a temporary order granting the deploying parent reasonable contact with the child unless it is contrary to the best interest of the child, even if the time of contact exceeds the time the deploying parent spent with the child before deployment.</p> <p>If an agreement between the parties to terminate a temporary order for custodial responsibility has not been filed, the order terminates 60 days after the deploying parent gives notice to the other</p>
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620.3305	Added in HCS	Hardwick	Voted Do Pass	<p>This bill creates in the state treasury the "Missouri Veterans and Job Opportunity Grant Program Fund." The fund will consist of any appropriations, any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from private or other sources. Grants will be disbursed to eligible employers registered to do business in Missouri that have paid wages to any individual in a targeted group. At least 50% of the funds available during a fiscal year have to be reserved for eligible employers paying a qualified veteran.</p> <p>An individual is a member of a targeted group if such individual is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A qualified IV–A recipient,2. A veteran,3. A qualified ex-felon,4. A designated community resident,5. A vocational rehabilitation referral,6. A qualified summer youth employee,7. A qualified supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits recipient,8. A qualified SSI recipient,9. A long-term family assistance recipient, or10. A qualified long-term unemployment recipient.