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In order to be responsive to the latest legislative developments, MOCPA continually monitors proposed legislation. We utilize both professional and grassroots lobbyists to ensure the CPA profession has a voice in Jefferson City. By keeping members informed, MOCPA is empowering you to contribute to the legislative process.

Session Update

This is the last week of the 2025 legislative session, which leaves 120 hours for legislators to pass their priority bills. While no issue is ever truly considered “dead” until 6 p.m. on Friday, May 16, some of the major priority issues not yet passed include childcare tax credits, video lottery terminal (VLT), open enrollment, pesticide labeling, SAPA 2.0, Proposition A reform, initiative petition reform and a repeal of Amendment 3.

Budget Update

It was a lengthy and, at times, uncertain process, but the 13 FY2026 operating budget bills were Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed (TATFP) roughly three hours before the constitutional deadline of 6 p.m. on May 9. The bills contain nearly \$53.5 billion in spending, which includes \$16.2 billion in general revenue and required the usage of surplus general revenue. Overall, the budget calls for spending about \$20 million less than recommended by Governor Kehoe.

On Friday, the Senate completed work on the remaining \$1.2 billion capital improvement bills (HBs 18, 19 and 20) where few substantive changes were made from the House recommendations. Before the House began to debate the Senate changes, the Senate chamber adjourned for the week. The House did pass HB 18, which contains funding for statewide maintenance projects, and HB 20, which contains the reappropriation of ARPA funding. The House did not take up HB 19, which contained all new capital improvement projects. The fate of those projects remains to be seen.

Legislation of Interest

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOCPA is currently tracking.

The following is a summary of bills MOCPA is tracking that have been Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed so far. All of these bills will go to the governor for signature or

veto. Some of these may not have the full bill text or summaries available for the TATFP version on the House or Senate websites yet.

- [HB 147](#) is an omnibus retirement bill that makes several changes to provisions of the state and local retirement systems. Of particular interest to CPAs, it extends the deduction for pension income to private pension benefits as well as government pensions.
- [HB 594](#) is an omnibus tax bill. The two most significant changes it makes is creating a state tax exemption on capital gains for individuals and revising the eligibility and amount of the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit.
- [HB 754](#) is a banking omnibus bill that also contains changes to how some trusts are taxed and a provision that allows bank customers to designate trusted contacts whom the bank may communicate with if they suspect fraud or irregularities with the account.
- [SB 98](#) is the Senate companion to HB 754 and contains most of the same provisions, including those of most interest to CPAs, as well as creates the offense of financial institution accounts fraud.

There are a small number of bills on MOCPA's tracking list that still have a chance at passage given where they are currently in the process, including:

- [HB 44](#)—Modifies provisions relating to income tax deductions for private pensions.
- [HB 68](#)—Modifies the statute of limitations for personal injury claims from five to two years.
- [HB 269](#)—Authorizes the Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act, the Employer-Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act, and the Child Care Providers Tax Credit.
- [HB 567](#)—Modifies provisions relating to employee compensation.
- [HB 742](#)—Prohibits state departments from spending money on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.
- [SB 2](#)—Modifies provisions relating to financial statements of certain local governments.
- [SB 10](#)—Modifies expiration dates of certain sections.
- [SB 35](#)—Establishes the Revitalizing Missouri Downtowns and Main Streets Act.
- [SB 59](#)—Authorizes an income tax deduction for certain survivor benefits.
- [SB 145](#)—Modifies provisions relating to the taxation of certain businesses.
- [SB 163](#)—Modifies provisions relating to taxation.

- [SB 466](#)—Modifies provisions relating to agricultural tax credits.

For Additional Information

Attend MOCPA Legislative Session Wrap-up Webinar

Virtual | May 30 | 10-10:50 a.m.

After Missouri's 2025 regular legislative session adjourns, learn how bills of interest to CPAs fared, and what outcomes could impact the profession, your business or your clients. Patty Faenger, executive director of the Missouri State Board of Accountancy, will join the conversation to share important info you need to know for renewing your license this year.

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