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# Pearce's Record of Success: Important Bills Become Law Today

**BELTON** \_ Republican Candidate for the 31<sup>st</sup> State Senate District David Pearce's commitment to improving the lives of Missourians and his ability to get things done was on display as bills he sponsored in the state Legislature become law today including a new law that will create high-paying, high-quality jobs.

"I have been able to deliver as a member of the House and I will bring that same kind of can-do attitude as the next Senator from the 31<sup>st</sup> District," Pearce said. "My goal is to serve the people I represent and it is gratifying to see so many of my bills become law in order to improve the lives of hard-working families."

Legislation sponsored by Pearce that become law today funds the Missouri Quality Jobs program, which offers tax credits to companies that pay salaries over the average county wage and provide health insurance coverage for employees. It also increases tax credits for projects boosting local economic development and also allows companies that produce energy from renewable resources to participate as a technology business if they meet certain requirements.

Also becoming law is a Pearce bill that protects Missourians from fraudulent mortgage practices by creating tougher civil and criminal penalties for mortgage fraud and further enhances consumer knowledge about the mortgage process. More specifically, the new law creates the crime of mortgage fraud, a class C felony, with up to 10 years of prison.

A third new law supported by Pearce encourages the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and State Board of Education to work with our Military and Military families to adopt programs that allow the transfer of credits and help ease their transition into Missouri schools. "This is giant step in making the lives of our Military families a little easier, it is the least we can do for all the sacrifices they make for us," Pearce said.

Pearce also helped pass major legislation that cracks down on illegal immigration in Missouri and, in a show of Pearce's strong support for our Second Amendment rights, a new law he supported that provides greater protection for Missouri gun ranges. Pearce also supported the passage of the major Property Tax Reform bill that will stop backdoor tax increases on hard working Missourians. Pearce also supported legislation increasing funding for Missouri's public schools by more than \$121 million.

"This legislation is a culmination of months of hard work and I pledge to bring that same strong work ethic with me to the Missouri Senate," Pearce said. "Clearly, I am the only candidate in this race that has proven that he can get things done for the people of Missouri."