# **Representative Brad Christ**

District 96

## Legislative Biography



MO Rep. Brad Christ is a Representative in the Missouri General Assembly who represents the 96th district and received 55.2% of the vote in his last election. He is the Chair of the Emerging Issues committee, and a member of the MO Rules - Administrative Oversight and Student Accountability committees.

He works most frequently on Economics and Public Finance (16 bills), Taxation (13 bills), Health (12 bills), Crime and Law Enforcement (10 bills), and Law (9 bills). He has sponsored 39 bills in his last two year(s) in office, voting with his party 97.5% of the time, getting 35.9% of his bills out of committee, and 0.0% of

his sponsored bills enacted.

Before entering politics, Rep. Christ was involved in business. He received his undergraduate degree from DePaul University (IL) and an undergraduate degree from Saint Louis University High School.

### <u>About</u>

Assumed Office - 2022 Next Election - 2026 Residence - Saint Louis, MO Term - 2nd term

### **Previous Experience**

Ambassador, Association of Corporate Growth Investor, Greater St. Louis, Inc. Account Executive, Yell (2006-2007) Internet Marketing Consultant, ReachLocal (2007-2009) General Manager, Systems Consultant, BusComm, Inc. (2009-2016)

[Quorum Biography, <u>Accessed 2/10/2025</u>]

#### Other

**Brad Christ sponsored legislation that attempts to overturn the will of Missouri voters by allowing the State to control the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.** According to St. Louis Public Radio, "The Missouri House gave initial approval Tuesday to legislation that would place control of the St. Louis police department under a gubernatorial-appointed board. The Republican-led chamber advanced the bill on a voice vote. It needs another vote to pass the chamber. Through the legislation, a five-person board would assume control of the police department in August. The board would consist of the mayor and four commissioners. All four commissioners must have lived in St. Louis for at least three years. Other than the mayor, none of the commissioners would be allowed to hold public office. There are no other requirements to be a commissioner. One of the four appointments is at the sole discretion of the governor. The St. Louis department has been under local control since 2013, after Missouri voters approved a ballot measure in 2012. It marked the first time in over 150 years that the mayor's office had authority over the department. Currently, only Kansas City's police department is under state control." [St. Louis Public Radio, <u>Accessed 2/15/2025</u>]

**Brad Christ sponsored a provision limiting civilian review boards from investigating law enforcement officers accused of misconduct.** In 2024, Rep. Christ introduced provisions within an omnibus public safety bill that sought to limit the authority of civilian oversight boards. According to Spectrum News, "The same bill also includes a provision sponsored by Rep. Brad Christ, of St. Louis County, that specifies civilian review boards are "limited to reviewing, investigating, making findings, and recommending disciplinary action against law enforcement officers," accused of misconduct. The Jones administration and a spokesperson for the St. Louis Board of Aldermen both criticized the language Monday. 'This legislation is a troubling maneuver that will preempt the ability of local governments to set the appropriate scope for their civilian oversight boards. We will continue to work with our Civilian Oversight Board to ensure they can complete their work effectively and efficiently,' said Conner Kerrigan, the city's communication director." [Spectrum News, <u>5/20/2024</u>]

**Brad Christ sponsored legislation pushing charter schools in Missouri.** According to the Missouri Independent, "Bills authorizing specific counties to establish charter schools had more traction. Rep. Brad Christ, a St. Louis Republican, got his bill seeking to authorize charter schools in St. Louis County through committee early in the 2024 legislative session and has refiled the bill this year. He believes legislation providing alternatives to traditional public schools will gain more traction under the leadership of Gov.-elect Mike Kehoe, who has spoken publicly about his support for charter schools and K-12 tax-credit scholarships." [Missouri Independent, <u>12/31/2024</u>]