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House and Senate Work Together to Solve Veterans' Home Issue

Jefferson City— Rep. David Day, R-Dixon, and Sen. Brian Munzlinger, R-Williamstown, are pleased to announce the filing of legislation in the Missouri House and Senate providing vital funding to the state's veterans homes.

Faced with the closure of homes if the necessary funding wasn't found, Day and Munzlinger worked together to craft a bill that balances all of the interests involved.

"The bills we filed balance the needs of veterans with the needs of education," Day said. And while Sen. Munzlinger and I think we have a good piece of legislation, we are both willing to listen to anyone interested in solving this important issue."

Sen. Munzlinger said that the state can provide adequate funding for both veterans and education.

"The bill we are filing ensures that our veterans receive the vital services veterans' homes provide and clarifies the statutes for education," Munzlinger said. "By shifting the funding of early childhood development over to the lottery, we can increase their funding and ensure that lottery proceeds only go to education."

Day's bill is HB 1731.