

## TAKE A STAND FOR SENSIBLE DRUG LAWS!

### Action Alert April 13 , 2006

- **21% of Kansas College Student Denied Aid Due to Higher Education Act Drug Provision**
- **Missouri House to hold hearing on Medical Marijuana Legislation**
- **DPFKS Monthly Meeting April 15, 1 p.m. at the offices at 941 Kentucky, Lawrence.**



### Department of Education Releases Data After Government Served in Court

In 2004, the group [Students for Sensible Drug Policy](#) asked the federal government to give it a state-by-state breakdown of the number of students denied aid as a result of Souder's amendment.

The Department of Education demanded \$4,124.19 for the information. SSDP asked for a fee waiver, arguing that releasing the information was in the public's interest and that the group is a cash-strapped nonprofit.

The agency denied SSDP's request, arguing that releasing the data could lead to [drug legalization](#).

[Public Citizen](#) backed SSDP in court. The *New York Times* editorialized on its behalf. The federal government blinked.

On Wednesday, the Department of Education gave SSDP the state-by-state numbers. [Here they are](#).

Kansas had 768,785 applicants, and 21% or 1,581 were denied aid.

Other Big 12 States:

Missouri-19%  
Colorado-21%  
Texas-27%  
Oklahoma-26%  
Iowa-26%

### Medical Marijuana Bill Gets Hearing in MO

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The Missouri House of Representatives will hold a hearing on [HB 1831](#) on April 20, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 7. This bill would allow registered voters in the state of Missouri to vote on allowing persons to use medical marijuana with the supervision of their doctor. Specifically, the bill would allow voters to decide if a patient registry system, like those found in other states where marijuana is legal for medical purposes, ought to be implemented by the MO Department of Health.

If you, or someone you know, is a registered voter in the state of Missouri, ask them to support this legislation by contacting the members of the committee:

Chairman Robert Wayne Cooper (R-155<sup>th</sup> Camdenton) — (573) 751-1119  
Vice Chair Robert Schaaf (R-28<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph) — (573) 751-2183  
Rep. Craig Bland (D-43<sup>rd</sup> Kansas City) — (573) 751-2124  
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Rep. John Bowman (D-70<sup>th</sup> St. Louis) — (573) 751-4726  
Rep. Kathy Chinn (D-8<sup>th</sup> Clarence) — (573) 751-2629  
Rep. Doug Ervin (D-35<sup>th</sup> Kearney) — (573) 751-2238  
Rep. Sam Page (D-82<sup>nd</sup> Creve Coeur) — (573) 751-9762  
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Rep. Kevin Threlkeld (R-109<sup>th</sup> Washington) — (573) 751-0538

This bill would create a state registry ID card system, which would make it easy for law enforcement to quickly determine that a patient has his or her doctor's recommendation. This helps to avoid the detention and arrest of legitimate patients. In addition, patients without registry cards would be able to avoid prosecution by showing medical records that prove their medical need for marijuana. The bill also allows for the creation of nonprofit medical marijuana dispensaries that would provide a place for patients to safely and reliably obtain their medicine.

### **Monthly Volunteer Meeting this Saturday**

If you are new to drug policy reform and would like to find out what you can do to get involved, please attend the monthly volunteer meeting scheduled for

April 15, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the DPFKS offices, 941  
Kentucky Street, Lawrence KS. Call for directions,  
785-841-8278.

**Thank you for supporting the Drug Policy  
Forum of Kansas.**

