

Carlin will seek re-election

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State Rep. Sydney Carlin announced today she will seek a fourth term to the 66th District seat in the Kansas House.

"I look forward to continuing my service to Manhattan," said Carlin. "I represent hard working people and I work hard for them. When people bring me concerns I help them connect to the appropriate resources in the capitol."

To date, Carlin, a Democrat, is the lone candidate to file for the 66th District State from either party. However, Tim Bagby, Riley County Republican chairman, said earlier this week he expects a Republican to file for the race. The filing deadline is noon on June 10.

Carlin notes that during her time in the legislature that operating grants for K-State have annually increased, and that in 2007 a plan for funding deferred maintenance at the universities was passed. She said there has also been an increased focus on technical education, which has benefited Manhattan Area Technical College.

"We have brought higher education back into the limelight," Carlin said.

Carlin has sponsored several bills that support the education of military members and dependents, including military in-state tuition and the Interstate Compact for the Education of Military Children.

Carlin said she is also concerned with keeping up with the needs of mental health and community mental health centers.

Carlin also worked in the development of the child advocacy centers and continues to work on policies to regulate those centers. She said strides have been made in health care despite the fact there are still 300,000 Kansans uninsured.

"There is much more work to do in health care policy," Carlin said.