

Legislative Update - December 11, 2015

Pre-Filing of Legislation for 2016 Legislative Session

2016 “Show Me Life” Action Days

Two of the most important events that you can plan for in 2016 will be to attend Pro-Life Action Days on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 and April 5, 2016 at the Missouri State Capitol.

Please print off the “Show Me Life” Action Day flyer and distribute to your pro-life friends, family and church members. http://www.missouririghttolife.org/assets/lobby_day_flyer2016.pdf

See you in Jefferson City on February 9 and April 5 at the “Show Me Life Action Days”!

Pre-filing of legislation for the 2016 session began Tuesday, December 1, 2015. At this time there have been 239 bills and 16 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And, there have been 408 bills and 7 various resolutions filed in the House.

Bills to Watch:

NOTE: In the following lists Missouri Right to Life’s position could change at any time depending on amendments that are needed or amendments that can happen at any point in the legislative process.

In the Missouri State Senate:

SB 644 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Modifies provisions related to abortion. Includes pro-life language for donation of fetal tissue, tissue reporting, physician privileges, ambulatory surgical center reporting and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

SB 802 – Sponsor: David Sater - Prohibits abortions performed solely because of a prenatal diagnosis, test, or screening indicating Down Syndrome or the potential of Down Syndrome in an unborn child (**Support**)

Under Review/Watch:

SB 744 – Sponsor: Brian Munzlinger - Relating to the transparency and accountability of public funds (Under Review)

SB 766 – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires the State Auditor to audit the University of Missouri System at least once annually (Under Review)

SB 767 – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires public colleges and universities to post certain course information on their Internet websites (Under Review)

SJR 30 – Sponsor: Dan Hegeman - Relating to the nonpartisan court plan (Under Review)

In the Missouri State House:

HB 1370 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion (**Support**)

HB 1714 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act (**Support**)

Under Review/Watch:

HB 1511 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the Economic Development Grant Program to be used to reopen closed manufacturing facilities (Watch)

HB 1518 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) - Allows certain small businesses to be eligible to claim any state tax credit, deduction, and other exemption from tax that specified corporations are allowed to claim (Watch)

HB 1609 – Sponsor: Kathryn Swan - Specifies that all new and existing tax credits shall be approved by the General

Assembly as part of the budget process (Under Review)

HB 1617 – Sponsor: John McCaherty - Establishes the Bring Jobs Home Act that authorizes a tax deduction for out-of-state businesses that relocate to Missouri (Under Review)

HB 1639 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Changes the laws regarding the Big Government Get Off My Back Act (Under Review)

HB 1679 – Sponsor: Sheila Solon - Changes the laws regarding the dispensing of contraceptives (Under Review)

HB 1752 – Sponsor: Randy Dunn - Specifies that a person is presumed to have consented to organ donation at the time a person applies for or renews his or her driver's license unless he or she signs a statement opting out (Under Review)