

Legislative Update – January 23, 2015

The House and Senate have spent the first weeks of the 98th Missouri General Assembly getting rules of operation in place and committees set up. The make-up of these committees is important because the Committee Chairmen and Committee Members will determine the language in each bill that will be sent to the floor for debate. Please be aware on which committees your legislators serve.

See your Senate Committee Members here: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/com-standing.htm>

See your House Committee Members here: <http://www.house.mo.gov/CommitteeList.aspx>

At this time there have been 665 bills and 65 various resolutions filed in the House.

And, there have been 299 bills and 25 various resolutions filed in the Senate.

A VERY IMPORTANT DATE FOR PRO-LIFERS IN 2015!

One of the most important events that you can plan for in 2015 is to attend Pro-Life Lobby Day on Tuesday, March 10th at the Missouri State Capitol. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. in Jefferson City, MO. Rally begins at Noon on the 1st floor rotunda.

Please print off this flyer and distribute to your pro-life friends, family and church members:

http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/prolife_action_day.pdf

Start planning buses and carpool schedules for your area. And let us know what your plans are.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting innocent human lives! Your support of Missouri Right to Life ensures protection for innocent human lives through the legislative process!

See you in Jefferson City on March 10th at the “Show Me Life Action Day” to meet your new legislators!

Bills to Watch:

NOTE: In the following lists of bills 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. Please watch carefully.....

In the Missouri State Senate:

SB 33 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Modifies provisions relating to inspection of abortion facilities (Support)

SB 51 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Modifies Missouri’s Health Care Freedom Act by prohibiting the state from implementing a health insurance exchange, prohibiting insurers from accepting remuneration, and prescribing duties of the Attorney General for enforcement of the act (Support)

SB 61 – Sponsor: Maria Chappelle-Nadal - Allows school districts and charter schools to establish and implement an age-appropriate curriculum to educate students about domestic violence and teen dating violence prevention (Oppose)

SB 78 – Sponsor: Scott Sifton (Pro-Abortion) - Prohibits an insurer from requiring any waiting period for health insurance coverage for maternity benefits and requires coverage to begin immediately from the effective date of the health insurance policy or plan (Watch)

SB 122 – Sponsor: Gina Walsh (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes a Health Care Directives Registry (Watch)

SB 195 – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires all tax credit programs created on or after August 28, 2015 to comply with the Tax Credit Accountability Act of 2004 (Watch)

SB 259 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support)

SJR 10 – Sponsor: David Sater - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch)

In the Missouri State House:

HB 32 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Modifies the "Big Government Get Off My Back Act" (Watch)

HB 81 – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion. Hearing scheduled for January 27, 2015. Missouri Right to Life will be testifying in support.

HB 97 – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Changes the vote required to pass a statewide ballot measure from a majority vote to sixty percent of the votes cast (Watch)

HB 99 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding abortions and alternatives-to-abortion agencies. Hearing scheduled for January 27, 2015. Missouri Right to Life will be testifying in support.

HB 118 – Sponsor: Eric Burlison - Establishes a statutory cause of action replacing the common law action for damages against a health care provider for personal injury arising out of the rendering of or failure to render health services (Watch)

HB 113 – Sponsor: Bill E. Kidd - Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (Support)

HB 124 – Sponsor: Linda Black - Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to create a video that contains all of the information that must be provided to a woman considering an abortion. Hearing scheduled for January 27, 2015. Missouri Right to Life will be testifying in support.

HB 131 – Sponsor: Rick Brattin - Requires the written consent of the father of the child before an abortion can be performed, with certain exceptions (Support)

HB 151 – Sponsor: Jeff Messenger - Prohibits any public funds or governmental economic incentives to be authorized for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (Support)

HB 153 – Sponsor: Kim Gardner (Pro-abortion) -Changes the laws regarding eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits (Watch)

HB 182 – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Changes the laws regarding custody and visitation rights of a father who attempted to coerce the mother of his child to obtain an abortion (Support)

HB 190 – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care (Support)

HB 350 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) - Requires a pharmacy to fill abortifacients (Oppose)

HB 351 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Attacks the good work of Pregnancy Resource Centers (Oppose)

HB 352 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires Abortifacients be Available without Full Disclosure of What Abortifacient Drugs Do (Oppose)

HB 353 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) - Changes the laws regarding sex education in schools to allow those who profit from abortion to speak in schools to our minor children and establishes a law for abortifacients to be given without full disclosure of what the abortion drugs do and establishes or changes other laws to support abortion (Oppose)

HB 354 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires all employers to pay for abortion drugs and devices in their health insurance policies (Oppose)

HB 427 – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support)

HB 432 – Sponsor: Keith Frederick - Specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles (Support)

HB 439 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2015 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis (Support)

HB 501 – Sponsor: Genise Monticello (Pro-Abortion) – Repeals Sex Education Statute (Under Review)

HJR 4 – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Proposes a constitutional amendment to change the vote required to pass a constitutional amendment from a majority vote to sixty percent of the votes cast (Watch)

HJR 13 – Sponsor: Scott Fitzpatrick - Proposes a constitutional amendment that increases the percentage of legal voters required to propose an initiative petition amending the Constitution from 8% to 15% (Watch)

HJR 25 – Sponsor: Mike Cierpiot - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch)

