

# Legislative Update – January 8, 2016

## 2016 Legislative Session Began Wednesday, January 6

The Missouri Senate Sanctity of Life Committee issued a summary of their work and recommendations for the 2016 Legislative Session. Read their report

here: [http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/comm/reports/sanctity\\_of\\_life\\_report.pdf](http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/comm/reports/sanctity_of_life_report.pdf)

### **Representative Diane Franklin, Chair of the Missouri House Children and Families Committee - Files 4 Bills Addressing Issues Brought Out in the 2015 House Investigative Hearings of Planned Parenthood:**

**HB 2068** – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the laws regarding the prohibition on the sale of aborted fetal remains (Support) <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2068I.PDF>

**HB 2069** – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Provides whistleblower protections for employees who work in facilities that handle aborted fetal remains (Support) <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2069I.PDF>

**HB 2070** – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the definition of "remains of a human fetus" (Support) <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2070I.PDF>

**HB 2071** – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the laws regarding abortions and required tissue reports (Support) <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2071I.PDF>

### **2016 Priority Legislation:**

- Expanding Abortion Clinic Inspections, Accountability for Disposal of Baby Body Parts, Ensure no selling or buying of baby body parts is happening in Missouri from in state abortion clinics or out of state clinics, Accountability for licensing of abortionists and abortion facilities as well as oversight of connections between abortion facilities and public institutions.
- Ban Dismemberment Abortions.
- Defund Planned Parenthood.

### **2016 “Show Me Life” Action Days – We Need You in Jefferson City!**

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](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”!**

### **Update on Legislation Passed in 2014:**

The "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" was created in 2014 by the Missouri House and Senate to provide insurance for pregnant women who earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid but don't have affordable private-sector insurance. The plan was recently approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Through the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program, pregnant women with incomes up to 30% of the federal poverty level will have access to pregnancy-related services that promote healthy labor, delivery and birth. Women participating in the program will have postpartum coverage for sixty days. Coverage for the child will continue for up to one year after birth.

The MO HealthNet Division, which operates the state's Medicaid system, began accepting online applications for the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program on January 1, 2016. **If you know a woman who can benefit from this program, you can share the following information regarding how to apply for the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program. This program will help a woman choose life for her unborn child and help her and her unborn child get off to a healthy start in life.** . The program is expected to expand access to health care to an estimated 1,800 pregnant women each year.

MO HealthNet for Pregnant Women application: <https://mydss.mo.gov/>. Or the pregnant woman can call 1-855-373-9994 to complete the application by phone, or in person at the nearest Family Support Division Resource Center. <http://dss.mo.gov/offices.htm>

### **Bills to Watch in 2016:**

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.

At this time there have been 304 bills and 32 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And, there have been 756 bills and 40 various resolutions filed in the House.

### **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)** <http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/intro/SB644.pdf>

**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)** <http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/intro/SB802.pdf>

### **In the Missouri State House:**

**HB 1370 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller** - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion **(Support)** <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1370I.PDF>

**HB 1714 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht** - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act **(Support)** <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1714I.PDF>

**HB 1815 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig** - Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2016 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis **(Support)** <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1815I.PDF>

**HB 1903 – Sponsor: Jered Taylor** - Creates the crime of abuse of an unborn child for a person who illegally uses narcotic drugs while pregnant **(Support)** <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1903I.PDF>

**HB 1915 – Sponsor: Bill Kidd** - Establishes "Simon's Law" which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities **(Support)** <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1915I.PDF>

**HB 1953 - Sponsor: Kathryn Swan** - 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)** <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1953I.PDF>

**HB 1968 – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson** - no physician shall perform an abortion upon a minor unless such physician first obtains the notarized written consent of both the minor and one of her parents or her legal guardian **(Support)** <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1968I.PDF>

**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 (**Watch**)

**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 (**Watch**)

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

**HB 1794** – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Establishes the "All Lives Matter Act", which changes the laws regarding the finding that life begins at conception (**In Discussion**)

**HB 1870** – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Changes the laws regarding the Big Government Get Off My Back Act (**Watch**)

**HB 1875** – Sponsor: Marsha Haefner - Establishes the Perinatal Advisory Council and requires the council to establish standards for all neonatal and maternal levels of birthing hospital care (**Major Concerns**)

**HB 1994** – Sponsor: Robert Cornejo - Establishes the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (**Under Review**)

**HB 2033** – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Modifies provisions relating to the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board and authorizes a tax credit for certain small businesses (**Under Review**)

**HJR 68** – Sponsor: Paul Curtman - Proposes a constitutional amendment establishing an individual's rights of conscience (**Under Review**)

**Oppose:**

**HB 1752** – Sponsor: Randy Dunn (Pro-Abortion) - 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 (**Oppose**)

**HB 1905** – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces the State to use education materials that are biased and misleading in their support for abortion rather than factual medical information (**Oppose**)

**HB 1906** – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces Pregnancy Resource Centers and other pro-life institutions to advertise and refer for abortions (**Oppose**)

**HB 1907** – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces Pharmacists to fill abortion drugs (**Oppose**)

**HB 1908** – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Presents Abortion as a Compassionate Alternative to a Woman in a Vulnerable Situation (**Oppose**)

**HB 1909** – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Pregnant Workers (**Under Review**)

**HB 1918** – Sponsor: Kimberly Gardner (Pro-Abortion) – Physician Licensing (**Under Review**)

**HB 1919** – Sponsor: Kimberly Gardner (Pro-Abortion) – Death Bill (**Oppose**)

**HB 1978** – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Employers, employees and Reproductive Health Care (**Under Review**)

**HCR 65** – Sponsor: Jeanne Kirkton (Pro-Abortion) - Urges Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to state that corporations are not human beings and do not have the same rights as citizens (**Language Unavailable at this Time**)