

**Legislative Update**  
**April 26, 2019**

**There are 3 Weeks of the 2019 Legislative Session Remaining.**

**Please be sure and sign up for**  
**The Pro-Life Communications Network**  
<http://www.missourilife.org/votervoice.html>

**Highlight of the Week:**

**See Note in Lifeline for Committee Votes this week on HCS HB 971 and SCS HB 126....**

The Senate Committee on Appropriations completed their work on the state budget and the full Senate took up the budget for consideration. The Senate voted to pass all budget bills with Senate Committee and/or Senate Subs. The bills will now go to conference between the House and the Senate to discuss the differences and come to agreement on the Conference Committee Subs. Please pray for your legislators as they complete their work on the state budget.

Also, continue to pray for our Senators as they work to pass the life-saving provisions of SCS HB 126. Many provisions of SCS HB 126 are also on SCS SB 279. The nation is watching to see what Missouri does to protect innocent human babies!

**Bills to Watch:**

This session there have been 518 bills and 63 various resolutions filed in the Missouri Senate. There have been 1255 bills and 159 various resolutions filed in the Missouri House.

**NOTE:** In the following lists, as well as on other legislation, Missouri Right to Life's position could change at any time depending on amendments.

**In the Missouri State Senate:**

**As of April 25, 2019:**

**SS for SCS for SBs 70 & 128** – Sponsors: Lincoln Hough and David Sater

Original Bills are in regards to MO Healthnet Program Benefits.

**MRL Supports Floor Amendment #4 Offered by Senator Paul Wieland On Tuesday, April 24, 2019 SS for SCS for SB's 70 & 128.**

**Senate Amendment #4 to SS for SCS for SB's 70 & 128 was adopted and added Sections 376.1212 as follow –**

**NOTE: This amendment is the language of SCS SB 287 listed below:**

This amendment provides that any health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020, in which a person may only enroll during an initial, open, or special enrollment period shall permit enrollment of a pregnant person at any time after the commencement of her pregnancy. The health benefit plan may require that the pregnancy be certified by a health care practitioner who is licensed in the state and acting within the scope of his or her practice. Coverage shall be effective as of the first day of the month the pregnancy was certified, or if no certification is required, as of the first day of the month the self-attestation of the pregnancy was made by the pregnant person.

April 26 – Senate Formal Calendar, Senate Bills for Third Reading

**SCS SB 279-** Sponsors: Bob Onder and Ed Emery - Establishes the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act", includes new version of heartbeat bill and the trigger bill to ban abortion when Roe vs. Wade is overturned. **(Support)**

April 26, 2019 – Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

March 13, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 279 Combined in SCS with SB 139 and SB 345 (SCS SB 279) and Voted Do Pass

**SCS SB 287**- Sponsor: Paul Wieland – Allows for a pregnant person to enroll in an insurance program under certain circumstances when that insurance health plan has limited enrollment time periods **(Support)**

April 23, 2019 – Language of SCS SB 287 was amended on to SS for SCS for SB's 70 and 128

April 4, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Insurance and Banking Committee and Voted Do Pass SCS SB 287

March 27, 2019 - Hearing Held in Senate Insurance and Banking Committee

**SB 312**- Sponsor: Bill Eigel – Establishes the mission of the Department of Health and Senior Services ensuring healthy Missourians at every stage of biological development and protecting all human life from conception to natural death, irrespective of age, health, or condition of dependency **(Support)**

April 26, 2019 – Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

**SB 388**- Sponsor: Eric Burlison – Establishes the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” **(Support)**

March 27, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee and Voted Do Pass

**SB 406**- Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford – Simon’s Law **(Support)**

April 10, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee and Voted Do Pass

**SB 420**- Sponsor: Jeanie Riddle - Requires informed consent information be given to women who are referred to out of state abortion clinics at the time of referral **(Support)**

April 10, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee and Voted Do Pass

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

#### **As of April 25, 2019:**

**SCS HB 126 with Amendments** - Sponsor: Nick Schroer – Heartbeat Bill, Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, Right to Life of the Unborn Child Act banning abortion when Roe is overturned, 2 custodial parent notification prior to a minor having an abortion, ban of abortion based on race, gender or Down Syndrome, requirement for all women being referred to out of state abortion clinic to receive informed consent information, expansion of insurance requirements for physician performing abortion **(Support)**

April 25, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Fiscal Oversight and SCS HB 126 Voted Do Pass

April 10, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee and SCS HB 126 Voted Do Pass

April 3, 2019 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

February 27, 2019 – House Third Read (117 Yes, 39 No) and sent to the Senate. Senate First Read

**HB 138**- Sponsor: Bill Kidd – Simon’s Law **(Support)**

April 18, 2019 – Reported in to the Full Senate

April 10, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee and Voted Do Pass

**HB 971**- Sponsor: Doug Richey – Establishes the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” **(Support)**

April 25, 2019 – Hearing Held in House Rules Committee on Administrative Oversight and Voted Do Pass

March 26, 2019 – Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee and Voted Do Pass

### **Budget Bills Now go to Conference Between the House and the Senate.**

#### **Pro-Life Provisions in Budget Bills:**

#### **HCS HB 7:**

**Section 7.015** – Department of Economic Development

Pro-Life Protective Language on Missouri Technology Investment Funds distributed by the Missouri Technology Corporation so these public dollars do not go to research companies that do human cloning or embryonic stem cell research as defined in statute 196.1127. This language is only for the public dollars in this fund (\$3,500,000)

**HCS HB 10:**

**Section 10.725** – Pro-Life Language on funding for Family Planning Programs run by the State Health Agencies so that NO public monies can be used for abortion services or abortion referrals.

**Section 10.1005** – Pro-Life Language directing the Department of Health and Senior Services that NO public funds in their budget shall be expended to pay for abortion services or abortion referrals through any agency.

**Section 10.1010** – Pro-Life Language to prevent Medicaid Expansion through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). NOTE: Obamacare includes abortion services and healthcare rationing.

**HCS HB 11:**

**Section 11.155** - Alternative to Abortion Program (A2A) covers a wide range of pregnancy care to give women and families in crisis pregnancies an option to choose life for their unborn child. This program provides helps throughout and after the pregnancy. In addition to the pregnancy care, this budget line also includes funding for diapers and other infant hygiene products as well as funding for a program initiative to help young new families build a healthy marriage and base for fatherhood. (\$8,958,561)

**Section 11.645** - Pilot Program to assist pregnant women, addicted to opioids, to get off of drugs. (\$1,398,993)

**Section 11.730** – Show-Me Healthy Babies to help women while pregnant with pre-natal care. (\$32,595,141)

**Section 11.920 (Part 2)** – Pro-Life Language directing the Department of Social Services that NO public funds in their budget shall be expended to pay for abortion services or abortion referrals through any agency.

**Section 11.925** – Pro-Life Language to prevent Medicaid Expansion through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). NOTE: Obamacare includes abortion services and healthcare rationing.

**Section 11.930 (Part 3)** – Pro-Life Language directing the Department of Social Services that NO public funds in their budget shall be expended to pay for abortion services or abortion referrals through any agency.