

Legislative Update – January 11, 2019

The 2019 legislative session kicked off at noon on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. The week began with two prayer breakfasts and the legislative ball recognizing all legislators, statewide elected officials and their families. Continue to pray for wisdom for all our elected officials and their families in Missouri and in Washington as they are separated during this legislative season.

To date there have been 233 bills and 17 various resolutions filed in the Missouri Senate. There have been 516 bills and 44 various resolutions filed in the Missouri House.

Your Missouri Right to Life Legislative Team is working with legislators on pro-life bills for the 2019 legislative session. We will continue to review all bills filed and will be reporting weekly in the lifelines during the legislative session. We will update you on bills that have either a positive or negative impact on our ability to protect innocent human lives at every stage of life and development.

We encourage you to visit the 2019 Missouri Right to Life Legislation page on our website on a regular basis to see information regarding the 2019 Legislative Session. This page is a compilation of testimony given at hearings, memos delivered to legislators and much more. This page allows you to see what is happening in your Missouri State Capitol on pro-life issues and lets you see some of the information your legislators are receiving regarding pro-life legislation.

<http://www.missourilife.org/legislation/2019.html>

VERY IMPORTANT DATE:

Mark Your Calendars Now - Plan to Attend 2019 Pro-Life Action Day

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Missouri State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. on the first floor rotunda.

Please print off the “Show Me Life” Action Day flyer and distribute to your pro-life friends, family and church members. http://www.missourilife.org/assets/2019-lobby_day_flyer.pdf

Your attendance at lobby day is essential to the passage of solid pro-life legislation for 2019 and the continued defunding of Planned Parenthood!

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 106- Sponsor: Denny Hoskins – Two Custodial Parent Notification before a Minor has an Abortion (**Support**)
January 9, 2019 – Senate First Read

SB 110- Sponsor: Andrew Koenig – Death Certificates for Aborted Babies or Babies Stillborn (**Support**)
January 9, 2019 – Senate First Read

SB 139- Sponsor: Andrew Koenig – Heartbeat Bill (**Support – Working on Amendment**)
January 9, 2019 – Senate First Read

Senate Bills to Watch or Opposed by Missouri Right to Life:

SB 170- Sponsor: Jill Schupp – Repeals the Health and Safety Standards of the 72 Hour Reflection Period prior to Having an Abortion (**Oppose**)

January 9, 2019 – Senate First Read

SB 216- Sponsor: Jill Schupp – Forces PRC’s to supply information about Abortion (**Oppose**)

January 9, 2019 – Senate First Read

In the Missouri State House:

HB 126- Sponsor: Nick Schroer – Heartbeat Bill (**Support – Working on Amendment**)

January 10, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 127- Sponsor: Rocky Miller – Two Custodial Parent Notification before a Minor has an Abortion (**Support**)

January 10, 2019 – House Second Read

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

January 10, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 282- Sponsor: Sonya Anderson – Requires informed consent information be given to women who are referred to out of state abortion clinics at the time of referral (**Support**)

January 10, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 339- Sponsor: Adam Schnelting – Establishes the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” (**Support**)

January 10, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 431 – Sponsor: Tom Hurst – Prohibits a person from transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion without the consent required by state law (**Support**)

January 10, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 540 – Sponsor: Tom Hannegan – Requires Abortion Risk Factor Evaluations and the Reporting of Risk Factors (**Language Under Review**)

January 10, 2019 – Introduced and House First Read

House Bills to Watch or Opposed by Missouri Right to Life:

HB 312- Sponsor: Cora Faith Walker – Authorizes tax credits for certain contraceptives (**Oppose**)

January 10, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 536- Sponsor: Judy Morgan – Establishes the requirement for the state to “Respect Women’s Abortion Decisions Act” for women to take the life of their unborn child for any reason (**Oppose**)

January 10, 2019 – Introduced and House First Read

HCR 12- Sponsor: Judy Morgan – Establishes Missouri’s Ratification of the Federal ERA, which would eliminate all pro-life laws in Missouri and across the United States (**Oppose**)

January 10, 2019 – Introduced and House First Read