

Legislative Update

May 10, 2019

There are now 5 Days of the 2019 Legislative Session Remaining

Highlight for the Week:

The Missouri Senate began debate on life-saving, pro-life legislation this week. On Wednesday afternoon, May 8th, the Missouri Senate took up for debate SCS SB 279 (Senate Version of SCS HB 126), sponsored by Senators Bob Onder and Ed Emery. Senator Onder spoke on the floor of the Missouri Senate to all Senators sponsoring the various provisions of SS SCS SB 279 and SCS HB 126.

Our pro-life majority lined up to speak publicly about the precious lives of unborn children. Those speaking with Senator Onder to save the unborn were:

1. Senator David Sater spoke on banning abortion when the abortion decision is based solely on race, gender or Down Syndrome.
2. Senators Ed Emery and Wayne Wallingford spoke on banning abortion when the unborn child is capable of feeling pain and when the baby has a heartbeat.
3. Senator Luetkemeyer spoke about the ethics of a physician who performs abortions carrying the same liability insurance as other medical professionals.
4. Senator Denny Hoskins spoke about two custodial parents being notified before their minor daughter has an abortion.
5. Senator Jeanie Riddle spoke about how important it is for a woman to receive all informed consent information at the time she is referred to an out of state abortion facility.
6. Senator Eric Burlison spoke about protecting babies born alive after an attempted abortion.
7. Senator Bill Eigel spoke about the importance of protecting the unborn. Senator Eigel carries a bill that would put into statute that our Missouri Department of Health mission statement should include working to protect Missourians both born and unborn.
8. Senator Andrew Koenig spoke about how important the life-saving provisions of SS SCS SB 279 and SCS HB 126 are for protecting the lives of the unborn.
9. Senators Burlison, Riddle, Hoskins and Wallingford also spoke about protecting women from the abortion industry's ability to enable the human trafficking business and how killing innocent human babies is not the way to deal with this horrendous situation.

Missouri Right to Life is thankful that our pro-life majority of Senators stand to be a voice for both the voiceless little unborn baby and that they stand for the protection of the mother in whatever circumstance she finds herself! Thank you pro-life Senators! We look forward to your vote to pass all this life-saving legislation to save babies and protect moms.

Also during this debate on Wednesday, pro-abortion Senators stood up and said things like, "when life begins is subjective based on your own set of values and beliefs and that each person gets to choose for themselves when life begins and that the woman's right to abortion trumps the right to life of the unborn child".

Pro-life people know that we do not define when life begins, God does.

In the Missouri State Senate:

As of May 9, 2019:

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)**

May 10, 2019 – Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

May 8, 2019 – SS SCS SB 279 Brought before the Senate for Debate – Bill placed back on the Calendar

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

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)**

May 10, 2019 – Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

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

May 8, 2019 – This bill language included in Senate Sub for SCS SB 279

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)**

May 7, 2019 - SS HB 138 – House Version of Simon’s Law passed the Senate with technical change

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)**

May 8, 2019 – This bill language included in Senate Sub for SCS SB 279

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

In the Missouri State House:

As of May 9, 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)**

May 10, 2019 – On Senate Formal Calendar House Bills for Third Reading

April 25, 2019 – Reported in to the Full Senate Do Pass From the Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee

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)**

NOTE: House set to pass Simon’s Law and Send to the Governor

May 7, 2019 – Senate passes SS HB 138 and sends back to the House with technical change

May 3, 2019 – On Senate Formal Calendar House Bills for Third Reading

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 – Reported Do Pass to the Full House

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

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.

Status: Pro-life protective language in the bill

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.

Status: All these pro-life provisions in the bill

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 drugs. (\$1,398,993)

Section 11.730 – Show-Me Healthy Babies to help women while pregnant with pre-natal care. Conference Committee goes with House Recommendation of: \$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.

Status: All these pro-life provisions in the bill