

Legislative Update – March 20, 2015

At the end of the day Thursday, March 19, legislators left for their annual Spring Break. When they return on Monday, March 30th there will be 7 weeks of session left. During those 7 weeks there is an Easter Break and the budget must be truly agreed and passed by May 8th. Please pray for your legislators and Missouri Right to Life in these last weeks. After Spring Break, we will put out a request for phone calls at strategic times.

Highlights This Week:

Senate:

March 19, 2015 – SB 466 was heard in the Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee. It was not voted out of committee but is expected to be voted out upon the legislators return from Spring Break. It is also expected that SB 422 sponsored by Sen. Rob Schaaf and SB 466 sponsored by Sen. Eric Schmitt, will be combined into one bill.

Testimony in Support of SB 466 – Simons Law: Requires disclosure of life-sustaining treatment policies of health care facilities, involvement of parents in health care decisions and prohibits denial of life-sustaining treatment or anatomical gifts under specified circumstances.

Testimony in Support of SB 466: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb466.html>

House:

March 18, 2015 - HCS SS#2 SCS SB 24 – Was Perfected and Third Read in the House, sent back to the Senate, Senate refused to accept the House version, Senate has requested a conference with the House to work out the differences in the two versions.

March 27, 2015 – Senate Requests to Recede or Grant Conference Calendar--SS#2 for SCS for SB 24-Sater, with HCS, as amended (Senate requests House recede or grant conference)

With the inclusion of an increase for the Alternatives to Abortion Program Missouri Right to Life went on record in support of HCS SS#2 SCS SB 24. This bill as a whole modifies provisions of law relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

There have been 1365 bills and 141 various resolutions filed in the House.

And, there have been 568 bills and 57 various resolutions filed in the Senate.

February 26 was the last day for Senate bills to be introduced.

Your Missouri Right to Life Legislative Team continues to review and act on all bills dealing with life issues. This report gives you an update on relevant bills each week.

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>

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 24 – Sponsor: David Sater - Modifies provisions of law relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. March 27, 2015 – Senate Requests to Recede or Grant Conference Calendar--SS#2 for SCS for SB 24-Sater, with HCS, as amended (Senate requests House recede or grant conference)

March 17, 2015 - House Committee Sub (HCS) adds in funding for Alternatives to Abortion Program in "Addition" to what is in the regular budget. Missouri Right to Life supports the Alternatives to Abortion Program.

SB 33 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Modifies provisions relating to inspection of abortion facilities (Support) – January 15, 2015 – Second Read and Referred Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

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) – March 4, 2015 – Hearing Held in Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee

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) – January 22, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee

SB 122 – Sponsor: Gina Walsh (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes a Health Care Directives Registry (Watch) – March 16, 2015 – House Second Read

SB 149 – Sponsor: Mike Parson – Business Incentives Bill for Data Storage Centers (Watch) – March 19, 2015 – House and Senate Truly Agree and Finally Pass HCS SCS SB 149. Bill now goes to the Governor.

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) – January 29, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee

SB 259 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support) – March 27, 2015 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

SB 302 – Sponsor: Jeanie Riddle - Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials (Support) – Senate Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection--SB 302-Riddle, with SCS Testimony in Support of SB 302: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb302.html>

SB 306– Sponsor: Bob Onder - Prohibits any public funds or governmental economic incentives to be authorized for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (Support) – February 12, 2015 – Second Read and Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 342– Sponsor: Dan Brown - Establishes the Perinatal Advisory Council and sets forth its duties (Watch) – February 26, 2015 – Hearing Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SB 422 – Sponsor: Rob Schaaf - Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (Support) – February 26, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

Testimony in Support of SB 422: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb422.html>

SB 466 – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires disclosure of life-sustaining treatment policies of health care facilities and prohibits denial of life-sustaining treatment or anatomical gifts under specified circumstances (Under Review) – March 19, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

Testimony in Support of SB 466: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb466.html>

SB 494– Sponsor: Paul LeVota (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies a reference to federal statute as it pertains to funding for federally qualified health centers (Under Review) – March 5, 2015 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SB 496 – Sponsor: Dan Hegeman – Establishes the Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information Education Program (Watch) – March 5, 2015 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SCR 27 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Insists that the Missouri Congressional delegation endeavor and resolve to repeal

the Affordable Care Act (Support) – February 25, 2015 – Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

SJR 10 – Sponsor: David Sater - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch) – February 12, 2015 – Second Read and Referred to Senate Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee

Senate Bills Opposed by MRL:

SB 61 – Sponsor: Maria Chappelle-Nadal (Pro-Abortion) - 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) – January 22, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Education Committee

SCR 16 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Seeks Equal Rights Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (Oppose) – February 10, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

In the Missouri State House:

HB 5 (5.155)– Sponsor: Tom Flanigan - Includes Appropriations for Alternatives-to-Abortion Agencies in the Administrative Budget Bill (MRL Supports the Funding for Alternatives-to-Abortion) - March 19, 2015 – Public Hearing Continues in the Senate Appropriations Committee

House Funds Alternatives to Abortion as follows:

For the purpose of funding alternatives to abortion services:

From General Revenue Fund. \$2,033,561
From Federal Funds. 50,000

For the alternative to abortion public awareness program:

From General Revenue Fund 75,000

Total
. \$2,158,561

HB 7 (7.035) – Sponsor: Tom Flanigan – Includes Pro-Life Protective Language of 196.1127 to prevent Department of Economic Development Budget Monies from funding abortion services, human cloning and embryonic stem cell research (MRL Supports the Pro-Life Language) – March 19, 2015 – Public Hearing Continues in the Senate Appropriations Committee

HB 32 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Modifies the "Big Government Get Off My Back Act" (Watch) – March 16, 2015 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee

HB 81 – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion (Support) – January 27, 2015 - Public Hearing Continued in House Children and Families Committee

Testimony in Support of HB81: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb81.html>

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) – January 20, 2015 – Referred to House Elections Committee

HB 99 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion and places in statute protections for alternatives-to-abortion agencies (Support) - January 27, 2015 - Public Hearing Continued in House Children and Families Committee

Testimony in Support of HB99: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb99.html>

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) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in [House Health and Mental Health Policy](#) Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 113: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb113.html>

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) – March 9, 2015 –Reported to the Senate and First Read

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 (Support) – February 3, 2015 – Reported Do Pass in House Children and Families Committee and Referred to the House Select Committee on Social Services

Testimony in Support of HB124: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb124.html>

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) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

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) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 153 – Sponsor: Kim Gardner (Pro-abortion) -Changes the laws regarding eligibility for MO Health Net benefits (Watch) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

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) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 190 – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care, Abortion Clinic Inspections (Support) – March 5, Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

Testimony in Support of HB190: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb190.html>

Press Release – February 25, 2015: <http://missourilife.org/news/2015/2015-02-25.html>

House Third Read and Pass Roll Call Vote on HB 190: www.missourilife.org/assets/028.003.pdf

HB 427 – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care and Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support) – February 3, 2015 – Public Hearing Continued in [House Children and Families](#) Committee

Testimony in Support of HB427: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb427.html>

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) – January 12, 2015 - Read Second Time

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) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 501 – Sponsor: Genise Monticello (Pro-Abortion) – Requires course materials relating to sexual education to contain information regarding sexual predators, online predators, and the consequences of inappropriate text messaging (Watch) – March 18, 2015 – House Rules Committee Reported Do Pass - Consent

HB 601 – Sponsor: Keith Frederick - Modifies Missouri' 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 (Support) – January 22, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 610 – Sponsor: Nathan Beard - Prohibits any person or entity from entering into a Title X of the Public Health Service Act contract with any abortion facility or entity which encourages a woman to have an abortion (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 611 – Sponsor: Nathan Beard - Requires any organization, institution, or facility which performs abortions to make an annual accounting of all funds received under Title X of the federal Public Health Services Act (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 627 – Sponsor: Nick King - Authorizes the Manufacturing Infrastructure Investment Act – (Watch) – March 18, 2015 – Referred House Select Committee on Commerce

HB 735 – 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 (Under Review) – March 17, 2015 –

Referred House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

HB 774 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht – Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion (Support) – February 5, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 808 – Sponsor: Robert Cornejo - Establishes the Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (Watch) – March 19, 2015 – House Rules Committee Reported Do Pass - Consent

HB 814 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion (Support) – February 10, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 815 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden -Authorizes a tax deduction for capital gains from investments in qualified businesses provided the deductions are reinvested into another qualified business – March 11, 2015 – Executive Session Held in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee – Pro-Life Protections placed on the bill. As long as the pro-life protective language of 196.1127 stays on the bill, MRL is neutral. Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce (Watch)

HB 843 – Sponsor: Andrew McDaniel - Establishes the Patient Monitoring Act which allows patients in long-term care facilities or their surrogates to install a monitoring device in the resident's room which broadcasts or records activity (Under Review) – February 11, 2015 – Referred House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

HB 892 – Sponsor: Lindell Shumake – Missouri Works Program – Currently has Pro-Life Protective Language (Watch) – March 18, 2015 – Referred House Select Committee on Commerce

HB 919 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Changes the laws regarding alternatives-to-abortion agencies (Support) – February 24, 2015 – Referred to the House Children and Families Committee

HB 920 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection Act from Dismemberment Abortion (Support) – February 24, 2015 – Referred to the House Children and Families Committee

HB 963 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the "2015 Safe Patient Handling and Movement Act" (Under Review) – February 16, 2015 – Read Second

Time

HB 1033 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Removes the statutory restriction on the interpretation and construction of state law regarding unborn children which makes it subject to the federal and state constitutions and contrary court decisions (Support) – February 25, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 1146 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Modifies provisions relating to economic development programs (Watch) – March 11, 2015 – Referred to House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention

HB 1224 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Establishes the standards for newborn safety incubators installed outside certain facilities which allow any person to anonymously place a newborn in the device with the intent to leave the newborn (Under Review) – March 12, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 1246 – Sponsor: Caleb Jones - Changes the laws regarding health care decisions (Support) – March 16, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 1284 – Sponsor: Jered Taylor - Creates the crime of abuse of an unborn child for a person who illegally uses narcotic drugs while pregnant and such use results in harm to the child (Support) – March 16, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 1290 – Sponsor: Jack Bondon - Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate regulations establishing life safety code standards for licensed hospitals (Under Review) – March 16, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 1307 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes a civil cause of action against a person who fraudulently misrepresents himself or herself in order to obtain an abortion for a minor (Support) – March 17, 2015 – Referred House Children and Families Committee

HB 1312 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Requires the department of economic development to classify tax credits as either directly or indirectly benefiting the state (Watch) – March 18, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee

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) – March 10, 2015 – Referred to [House Select Committee on General Laws](#)

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) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in [House Emerging Issues](#) Committee

HJR 25 – Sponsor: Mike Cierpiot - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in [House Emerging Issues](#) Committee

House Bills Opposed by MRL:

HB 350 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) - Requires a pharmacy to fill abortifacients (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 351 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Attacks the good work of Pregnancy Resource Centers (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 352 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires Abortifacients be Available without Full Disclosure of What Abortifacient Drugs Do (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

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) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 354 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires all employers to pay for abortion drugs and devices in their health insurance policies (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 670 – Sponsor: Clem Smith (Pro-Abortion) – Adds peer review articles instead of just medically accurate information when teaching students in school regarding contraceptives. This bill also removes large sections of sex education regarding pregnancy and information presented to students. (Oppose) – January 27, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 785 – Sponsor: Bill White - Establishes the Adult Health Care Consent Act (Oppose) – February 11, 2015 – Referred House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

HB 809 – Sponsor: Margo McNeil (Pro-Abortion) - Authorizes eligibility for an alternative package of benefits for certain individuals under the MO HealthNet program (Under Review) – February 4, 2015 – Read Second Time

HCR 33 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) – Seeks Equal Rights Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (Oppose) - February 16, 2015 – Read Second Time