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## MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES AND FUTURE GOALS

### *2020 Legislative Successes*

*The Corona Virus shut down the legislative session so pro-life legislation did not move forward.*

- Passed funding for pro-life programs through the Budget Bills for Alternatives-to-Abortion and the Show-Me Healthy Babies programs.
- Worked with Emergency Medical Personnel and others to ensure pro-life concerns were addressed regarding Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate (OH-DNR) Forms used in the State of Missouri.

### *2019 Legislative Successes*

- “Missouri Stands For the Unborn Act” (SS SCS HB 126), the strongest pro-life bill in Missouri history, includes -
  - ban of abortion at detection of a heartbeat at 8 weeks, if overturned;
  - ban abortion at 14 weeks, if overturned;
  - ban abortion at 18 weeks;
  - ban abortion when the baby can feel pain;
  - require second custodial parent notification;
  - require Missouri informed consent requirements for out-of-state abortion referrals;
  - increase required malpractice insurance to \$3 million;
  - increase to 70% of the donation tax credits for donation to Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) and lift the limit on the amount of the donation;
  - ban abortion in Missouri when Roe v Wade is overturned;
  - ban abortion for race, gender, and Down syndrome diagnosis.
- “Simon’s Law” prohibits a health care facility, nursing home, physician, nurse, or medical staff from instituting a do-not-resuscitate order for any child who is not emancipated or under juvenile or family court jurisdiction without oral or written permission of at least one parent or legal guardian.
- Pro-life provisions in budget bills include -
  - 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;
  - 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;
  - language directing the Department of Health and Senior Services and 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;

- language to prevent Medicaid expansion through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) *note: Obamacare includes abortion services and healthcare rationing;*
- funded Alternatives to Abortion Program covering a wide range of pregnancy care to give women and families an option to choose life for their unborn child. This program provides helps throughout and after the pregnancy;
- funded MO HealthNet Pilot Program to assist pregnant women, addicted to opioids, to get off drugs;
- funded Show-Me Healthy Babies Program to help pregnant women with pre-natal care.
- Improvements to the Missouri tax credit program for taxpayers who donate to pregnancy resource centers (PRCs)
  - primary recipients of assistance from PRCs were expanded from “women” to “women and families”
  - after June 30, 2021, no more cumulative limit on PRC tax credits, so the state will not be apportioning a limit among all the PRCs, as it does presently;
  - each taxpayer still has a cap on the tax credits that may be claimed in any one year; that limit remains at \$50,000.00 per taxpayer per tax year. Any tax credit that cannot be claimed in the tax year the contribution is made may be carried over to the next succeeding tax year, but only for that one year;
  - the six-year “sunset” provision that applied to the tax credit program has been repealed, and the program does not have any “sunset” date.

### *2018 Legislative Successes*

- Renewal and increase of pregnancy resource center tax credits from \$2.5 to \$3.5 million dollars.
- Pro-life provisions in budget bills including protective language on MO Technology Investment Fund to prevent human cloning and embryonic stem cell research with these tax dollars; protective language on family planning services to prevent tax dollars from going to abortion providers and prevents tax dollars from going for abortion services and/or abortion referrals; funding for Alternatives to Abortion Program, for Show-Me Healthy Babies, and for MO HealthNet Pilot Program to help pregnant and postpartum women addicted to opioids to be treated and helped to get off drugs and go through rehabilitation.
- Pro-life language in budget bills giving direction to the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Director of Social Services not to use tax dollars for abortion services directly or indirectly through abortion providers.

*(See reverse side for highlights of prior years’ legislative successes and future legislative goals)*

## ***Highlights of Prior Years' Successes***

- Whistleblower protection for workers who report offenses at abortion facilities
- Ensure ambulatory surgical center regulations are followed
- Annual on-site abortion facility inspections
- Protection for pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and religious communities not to be forced to fund or participate in abortion
- Concurrent jurisdiction for the Attorney General to ensure abortion clinics are upholding basic medical standards that protect women
- Require complication plan for abortion emergencies be filed with the department of health
- Require the physician performing the abortion to meet with the woman prior to the woman giving consent
- Required reporting to the department of health of all baby body parts from abortions and identification of the abortion facility
- The definition of an abortion facility added to health department regulations
- Prevent interference for medical assistance at abortion facilities
- Ban partial-birth abortions
- Ban web-cam abortions
- Woman's Right to Know
- 72-Hour reflection period
- Alternative to Abortion Program placed in statute and funded
- Tax credits for those who contribute to pregnancy resource centers
- Pro-life protections to prevent tax dollars for abortion
- Safe Place for Newborns Drop-Off Program placed in statute and later expanded
- Restrictions on who teaches sex education in public schools
- Abortion facilities must abide by Ambulatory Surgical Center Regulations
- Anyone performing an abortion must have hospital privileges within 30 miles of the abortion facility
- Penalty for causing or aiding a minor to obtain an abortion without parental/legal guardian consent
- Abortion facilities required to report rape or sexual abuse of minors
- Abortion statistic reporting required
- Coverage for abortions must be by separate rider on insurance policies
- Coverage for abortions cannot be included in policies offered by State Health Insurance Exchanges

- Malpractice insurance required for abortionists
- Protection for pharmacy owners not to be forced to stock abortifacient drugs
- Pro-life protection on Life Sciences Research Trust Fund
- Pro-life protections on Missouri Works Program
- Successful Missouri Supreme Court case opposing MOSIRA with no pro-life protections
- Requirement for Dept. of Health to set up transportation of donated umbilical cord blood to the Cord Blood Bank
- Continued funding for Alternatives to Abortion program for pregnancy resource centers in budget and through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
- Continued funding of insurance for unborn babies of low-income mothers through Show Me Healthy Babies Program
- Defunded Medicaid dollars to Planned Parenthood in the Missouri budget

## ***Future Legislative Goals***

- Ban dismemberment abortions
- Continue to prioritize Medicaid family planning dollars for women's health care
- Monitor expansion of Medicaid to prevent funding for abortion
- Continued funding for Alternatives to Abortion Program, Show Me Healthy Babies Program
- Continued tax credits for pregnancy resource centers
- Monitor economic development bills to ensure pro-life protections to prevent our public dollars being used for abortion services, human cloning, and human embryonic stem cell research
- Penalties for transporting abortion drugs and devices into Missouri
- Regulation of "self-managed abortions"
- Increase oversight of proper disposition of remains of aborted babies
- Health care decision maker legislation ensuring hospitals are not removing care from people; ensuring health care decision makers have pro-life guidelines when making health care decisions for incapacitated persons
- Require a hospital with a futility policy, which would stop life-saving medical care at any point, to make this known to anyone upon admittance to the hospital
- Review of other possible pro-life legislation ongoing
- Monitor and oppose pro-abortion legislation