

Legislative Update – January 22, 2021

Continue to pray for our Legislators as they make decisions on pro-life legislation in 2021. At this time there have been 408 bills and 31 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And, there have been 825 bills and 65 various resolutions filed in the House.

MISSOURI - THE FIRST ABORTION FREE STATE IN THE UNITED STATES

Missouri Right to Life was deeply saddened by the violence that took place in our Nation's capital on January 6th. A mixed group of around 150 protestors took it upon themselves to storm the U.S. capitol. Missouri Right to Life, in our 47-year history, has always advocated for the right to life by peaceful means. Missouri Right to Life has never, and will never support violence to accomplish protection of innocent human lives. Please read our policy here: <https://www.missourilife.org/policies/civil-disobedience/>

It is being reported that Missouri is the first abortion free state in the United States. We pray that this is a fact. We are seeking to confirm this information with our state leaders. We have all worked so hard for this day when the lives of these unborn babies are protected from the horrors of abortion and respected in the public policies of our state. We do know for a fact that the abortions performed in the State of Missouri from January 2020 through November 15, 2020 were reported to be 39. That is down from 1,471 in 2019. God has and is blessing our work.

As many of you have said, God gets the glory for this. We must remain vigilant in our work to protect innocent human lives from inception to natural death. And, we must remain vigilant in our reporting of the truth. I will let you know when we receive confirmation of abortion numbers and what is being done in our state from the actual documentation from our Department of Health and Senior Services.

It is reported that, for now, abortions are not happening in Missouri. We know that this is brought about by our protective legislation, pro-life witness at abortion facilities, assistance given at pregnancy centers and pro-life education.

As long as abortion clinics in Missouri are licensed to do abortions, our work is not done. We must continue to work to pass pro-life legislation that has led us to where we are. Now is not the time to rest easy. Our world and work is about to get more complicated and innocent little lives are going to be at great risk even more. So, take time to celebrate the decreasing numbers of abortions, keep praying and then get back to work. Our job is not done!

Missouri Right to Life will continue to be a voice for those who have no voice. Please join us in our work to protect innocent human lives. We are making a difference!
<https://www.missourilife.org/join-mrl/>

Participate in the pro-life events in your area: <https://www.missourilife.org/events/#RvW>

Read President Trump's Proclamation on National Sanctity of Human Life Day, 2021 for January 22: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-national-sanctity-human-life-day-2021/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Watch for information on our upcoming "Show-Me Life Action Day" on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. This will be a virtual event this year.

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 Missouri State Senate:

SB 101 - Sponsor: Andrew Koenig – "Safeguarding All Children's Remains to Ensure Dignity Act" (**Support**)

January 21, 2021 – Senate Second Read & Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 155 - Sponsor: Andrew Koenig – Increase in Maternity Home Tax Credits (**Support**)

January 21, 2021 – Senate Second Read & Referred to Senate Economic Development Committee

SB 168 - Sponsor: Eric Burlison – Establishes the "Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" (**Support**)

January 6, 2021 – Senate First Read

SB 391 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Major Concerns about Repealing Pro-Life Statutes and Constitutional Issues with Language

January 14, 2021 – Senate First Read

SB 398 – Sponsor: Bill Eigel – Prohibits expenditures of public funds for certain purposes relating to abortion, human cloning, and prohibited human research (**Support**)

January 19, 2021 – Senate First Read

SJR 18 – Sponsor: Bill Eigel – Prohibits State from disbursing funds to organizations performing abortions (**Support**)

January 6, 2021 – Senate First Read

In the Missouri State House:

HB 58 - Sponsor: Adam Schnelting – Mission of the Department of Health to protect all Missourians at every stage of biological development from conception to natural death (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 67 - Sponsor: Hardy Billington – Requires physician performing an abortion to perform ultrasound 72 hours before an abortion and explain the ultrasound and allow woman to hear heartbeat (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 76- Sponsor: Jim Murphy – Initiates a "Newborn Safety Incubator's Act" for newborns who are dropped off at safe zones (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 155 – Sponsor: Doug Richey – Establishes the “Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 302 – Sponsor: Mike Haffner – Modifies Provisions Relating to Taxation and the Training of Abortion Doctors. Works to ensure public institutions are not in the business of abortion training in connection with abortion clinics (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 431 – Sponsor: Hannah Kelly - “Safeguarding All Children’s Remains to Ensure Dignity Act” (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 468 – Sponsor: Chris Dinkins – Bans Dismemberment Abortions (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 635 – Sponsor: Nick Schroer – No Public Funding to any clinic, physician’s office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced or any affiliate or associate of any such clinic, physician’s office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 672 – Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Coleman – Establishes the “Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act” (**Support**)

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

Opposition to the Following Bills/Resolutions:

HB 830 – Sponsor: Emily Weber – Requires Pregnancy Resource Centers to provide abortion information and unless they do they would not qualify for state funding (**Oppose**)

January 15, 2021 – House Second Read

HB 831 – Sponsor: Emily Weber – Establishes the requirement that our state and all citizens “Respect Women’s Abortion Decisions Act” (**Oppose**)

January 15, 2021 – House Second Read

HCR 8 – Sponsor: Ingrid Burnett - Would ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to make states pay for abortions (**Oppose**)

January 12, 2021 – House Second Read

HCR 10 – Sponsor: Peter Merideth – Calls for resignation of Josh Hawley for speaking out for free and fair elections (**Oppose call for resignation**)

January 13, 2021 – House Second Read

HCR 12 – Sponsor: Emily Weber – Recognizes that abortion, the taking of an innocent human life, should be recognized as an essential part of health care (**Oppose**)

January 15, 2021 – House Second Read