

## Legislative Update – April 16, 2021

### **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO THE MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE!**

It was a GREAT pro-life day at the Missouri State Capitol!

See the pictures in this week's lifeline.

You can still go to our website at: [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org), to view the videos from National and Statewide leaders about pro-life laws and the state of abortion. Then click on the Lobby Day Card to "Take Action" to help us pass pro-life laws in Missouri.

### **Work in the Senate Continues on the State Budget:**

Missouri Right to Life continues to support the pro-life provisions and funding in the following budget bills:

HB 7 – Department of Economic Development: The House continued pro-life language in section 7.035 on the Life Sciences Research Fund.

HB 10 – Department of Health and Senior Services: The House continued pro-life language in section 10.725 that actually discusses state funding for family planning.

HB 11 – Department of Social Services – Funding for pro-life programs to help women in crisis pregnancies:

1. Funding for the Alternatives to Abortion Program – Total from all sources for all provisions: \$8,958,561.00
2. Funding for the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program – Total from all sources for all provisions: \$60,296,982.00

We will follow these provisions as the Senate continues to work on the budget and then when the House and Senate work out their differences.

Work on the State Budget must be completed by Friday, May 7th.

Continue to pray for our Legislators as they make decisions on pro-life legislation in the last 5 weeks of the 2021 Legislative Session.

The last day of the legislative session is Friday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

At this time there have been 630 bills and 49 various resolutions filed in the Senate. There have been 1,422 bills and 125 various resolutions filed in the House.

## **PRO-LIFE CONCERNS WITH MEDICAID EXPANSION CONTINUES**

Missouri Right to Life 2021

During the August 2020 election cycle, Missouri Right to Life PAC opposed the Medicaid Expansion Initiative no. 2020-063 (as numbered by the Secretary of State). Proponents sought signatures from voters to put it on the ballot. The proposal ignored the growing danger that the Hyde Amendment would be terminated, leaving unborn children completely exposed to governmental funding of abortions if their mothers are covered by Medicaid. We now see that the termination of the Hyde Amendment is a very real possibility if not probability. The proposal also means greatly expanding current Medicaid funding of abortions of newly-formed human beings by means of prescriptions of the so-called "morning after" pills.

For pro-life reasons, pro-lifers find Medicaid Expansion unacceptable. Abortions are not health care, and Missourians should not be forced to pay for more of them.

Read the memo delivered to the pro-life Missouri House and Senate members:

<https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-Memo-Regarding-Continued-Pro-Life-Concerns-on-Medicaid-Expansion-Funding.pdf>

### **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 1 - Sponsor: Dan Hegeman NOTE: Sen. Paul Wieland placed pro-life amendment on SB 1 that prevents drugs or devices that cause an abortion from being paid for by state dollars in the Mo HealthNet Program. Missouri Right to Life strongly supports the pro-life amendment. Watch for more information on this.**

April 16, 2021 – On Senate Informal Calendar for Senate Bills for Perfection

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

March 10, 2021 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

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

March 2, 2021 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Economic Development Committee

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

April 15, 2021 – Senate “Rolls the Calendar” and moves SB 168 to Senate Informal Calendar

**SB 391 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Major Concerns about Repealing Pro-Life Statutes and other issues in bill as well as Constitutional Issues with Language**

**Please read our Missouri Right to Life Memo here with our major concerns and opposition to the bill as presented to committee:**

<https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-MEMO-ON-SB-391.pdf>

March 10, 2021 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

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

March 10, 2021 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

**SB 443** – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Major Concerns about Repealing Pro-Life Statutes

February 25, 2021 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

**SB 450** – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Requires Reporting of Heartbeat Detection Test **(Support)**

February 25, 2021 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

**SB 451** – Sponsor: Mike Moon - 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)**

March 25, 2021 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Ways and Means Committee

Listen to Don Hinkle, Editor of the Missouri Baptist Pathway, explaining SB 451 & HB 302 on



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**SB 458** – Sponsor: Rick Brattin – Establishes the “Missouri Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act” **(Support)**

March 10, 2021 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

**SB 514** – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Requires physician performing an abortion to perform ultrasound 72 hours before an abortion and explain the ultrasound and allow woman to hear heartbeat **(Support)**

March 4, 2021 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

**SB 603** – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig – Expands prohibition of public monies from being used for abortion services **(Support)**

March 11, 2021 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

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

February 8, 2021 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

### **Opposition to the Following Senate Bills/Resolutions:**

**SB 447** - Sponsor: Jill Schupp – Requires Pregnancy Resource Centers to provide abortion information and unless they do they would not qualify for state funding **(Oppose)**

February 25, 2021 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

### **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)**

April 8, 2021 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs

**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

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**HB 430** – Sponsor: Hannah Kelly – Omnibus Benevolent Tax Credit Bill Includes Extending Tax Credits for Maternity Homes amongst other tax credit programs **(Support)**

March 4, 2021 – SCS expanded original bill to include tax credits for Maternity Homes

April 7, 2021 – Senate debates and adopts SS SCS HCS HB 430

April 8, 2021 – Senate Committee on Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight votes do pass on SS SCS HCS HB 430

April 8, 2021 – SS SCS HCS HB 430 Voted Do Pass in the Senate by a vote of 32 yes and 1 no

April 13 2021 – SS SCS HCS HB 430 Delivered to the Governor

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

April 14, 2021 – Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

**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)**

March 4, 2021 – Referred to House Emerging Issues Committee

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

January 7, 2021 – House Second Read

**HB 852** – Sponsor: Sara Walsh – No Public Funding for Research Projects Involving Abortion Services, Human Cloning, and Prohibited Human Research **(Support)**

April 15, 2021 – Referred to House Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight

**HB 965** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion LaKeySha Bosley – Extension of Show-Me Healthy Babies Program to one year Postpartum – Language Under Review

January 29, 2021 – House Second Read

**HB 1075** – Sponsor: Nate Tate – Expands Insurance Coverage for Pregnancy-Related Services **(Support)**

March 8, 2021 – Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

**HB 1095** – Sponsor: Dirk Deaton – Increase in Tax Credits for Maternity Homes & Pregnancy Resource Centers **(Support)**

March 31, 2021 – Placed on the House Informal Perfection Calendar

**HB 1109** – Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Coleman – Increase in Tax Credits for Maternity Homes **(Support)**

February 10, 2021 – House Second Read

**HB 1300** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jo Doll – Creates provisions relating to perinatal care – Language Under Review

February 25, 2021 – House Second Read

**HB 1330** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jo Doll – Creates provisions relating to the treatment of pregnant prisoners by county and city jails – Language Under Review

March 1, 2021 – House Second Read

**Opposition to the Following House 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

**HB 1233** – Sponsor: LaDonna Appelbaum – Prohibits health care exams prior to an abortion **(Oppose)**

February 23, 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