

Legislative Update – April 2, 2021

Have a Blessed Easter!

Continue to pray for our Legislators as they make decisions on pro-life legislation in the last 6 weeks of the 2021 Legislative Session. Work on the State Budget will continue after the Easter break and must be completed by Friday, May 7th. 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 CONTINUE

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>

BE INVOLVED – TAKE ACTION

“Show-Me Life Action Day” is a web-event this year and is currently in process from March 9 – April 14.

Go to our website at: www.missourilife.org. to hear 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.

Join our Missouri Right to Life members at the Midwest March for Life on Wednesday, April 14 in Jefferson City, MO to march for life and lobby our legislators to pass pro-life legislation. Information here: <http://www.midwestmarchforlife.com/>

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**)

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 2, 2021 – On the Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection

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

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

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>

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 Schmelting – 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**)

March 24, 2021 – House Third Read and Passed, Reported to the Senate and Senate First 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

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

March 8, 2021 – Referred to 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 7, 2021 – Hearing Scheduled in House Children and Families Committee

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