**Legislative Update – April 23, 2021**

**Pro-Life Messages Can Still be Sent to your Legislators**

Go to our Missouri Right to Life 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.

**Movement this week on pro-life legislation:**

**HOUSE:** HCS HB 852 passes the House Rules Committee by a vote of: 8 yes, 1 No, 1 Present and 1 Absent

**SENATE:**

1. Senator Onder offers pro-life amendment on SS#2 for SB 1 to prevent public monies from going to abortion providers in MO HealthNet Program. Amendment is pending. See Memo below on SB 1.
2. Senate Appropriations Committee votes down expanding funding for Medicaid Expansion but the House has a plan to provide funding for the needy without opening up the rolls for an expansion in the number of abortions in Missouri.

**Watch for Action Alerts in the Weeks to come!**

**There are 3 weeks of the 2021 Legislative Session left.**

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**Update on HB 126 – “Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act”**

**Missouri Right to Life Thanks Attorney General Eric Schmitt for Standing for Life**

**as he fights for the right to life of ALL unborn children.**

On April 13, the Sixth Circuit Court Upheld Ohio’s Law Protecting Unborn Babies with Down Syndrome to protect unborn children with a pre-natal Down Syndrome diagnosis.

On April 14 Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt released the following statement and filed a Rule 28(j) letter with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals citing this decision and seeking to uphold a provision in Missouri’s HB 126 which passed in 2019.

<https://ago.mo.gov/home/news/2021/04/14/missouri-attorney-general-praises-sixth-circuit-decision-to-uphold-ohio-law-protecting-unborn-babies-with-down-syndrome-diagnosis>

**Following is a summary of the provisions of HB 126 that Missouri Right to Life fought so hard to put into statute. HB126 as amended has multiple provisions including:**

1. A “new version” of the heartbeat bill noting stages of development at 8, 14 & 18 weeks gestational age with severability clauses at each step.
2. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which bans abortion at 20 weeks when unborn children are capable of feeling pain. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is in effect in 16 other states.
3. The “Right to Life of the Unborn Child Act,” a “trigger ban” on all abortions in Missouri contingent upon the overturning of Roe v. Wade.
4. A requirement that the second custodial parent be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.
5. A ban on abortions for race, gender, or a Down Syndrome diagnosis.
6. An increase in the medical malpractice insurance requirements for those performing or inducing abortions, bringing it in line with medical standards for other surgical procedures.
7. A requirement that abortion facilities and family planning agencies provide Missouri’s printed informed consent information to a woman if they refer her to an out-of-state abortion facility.

The language of HB126 as amended reflects the scientific truth of the humanity of the unborn child. HB126 is life-saving legislation.

**Please pray for our Attorney General and his staff of Attorneys as they fight for the innocent baby in the womb and as they fight to defend the life-saving legislation of HB 126.**

**EVERY UNBORN CHILD IS PRECIOUS AND DESERVES OUR PROTECTION**

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

**UPDATE:**

Missouri Right to Life “Thanks” our House and Senate members who are opposing open-ended Medicaid Expansion. Missouri Right to Life commends the House and Senate members who are supporting help for the needy without opening up the rolls of Medicaid to fund an expansion of abortions 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.

**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**

**NOTES:**

1. **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.**

**Memo Number One Dated April 12th:** [**https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-MEMO-ON-PRO-LIFE-AMENDMENT-ON-SB-1-1.pdf**](https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-MEMO-ON-PRO-LIFE-AMENDMENT-ON-SB-1-1.pdf)

1. **Sen. Bob Onder offered pro-life amendment on SB 1 that prevents public tax dollars in the Mo HealthNet Program from being used for abortions or given to abortion facilities.**

**Memo Number Two Dated April 21st:** [**2021-Memorandum-for-SA-1-to-SS2-to-SB-1-Onder-Amendment.pdf (missourilife.org)**](https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Memorandum-for-SA-1-to-SS2-to-SB-1-Onder-Amendment.pdf)

**Missouri Right to Life strongly supports these pro-life amendments discussed in the above two memos delivered to the pro-life members of the Missouri State Senate.**

April 26, 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 26, 2021 – On Senate Informal Calendar for Senate Bills 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**

**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**](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 Bott Radio here: 

**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

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

**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 21, 2021 – Voted Do Pass 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 22, 2021 – Voted Do Pass in 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)**

April 20, 2021 – Placed on the House Informal 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