

Legislative Update – April 30, 2021

This Week in the Missouri State Capitol:

HOUSE:

HCS HB 852 and HB 431 wait on the House Calendar for Action.

Contact your Representative and ask him/her to help move these two pro-life bills to a vote.
Find your Representative here: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/legislator-lookup/>

SENATE:

Pro-life Senators vote no on expanding access to abortion in the Medicaid program by voting to protect babies and protect pregnant moms from the overreach of the pro-abortion Biden/Harris Administration's pro-abortion agenda in Medicaid.

The following Senators voted pro-life against the pro-abortion amendment on the Senate Substitute for budget bills HB 10 and HB 11.

Bean, Bernskoetter, Brattin, Burlison, Crawford, Eigel, Eslinger, Gannon, Hegeman, Hoskins, Koenig, Luetkemeyer, Moon, O'Laughlin, Onder, Rehder, Riddle, Schatz, White & Wieland.

Call your Senator (on this list) and tell them "THANK YOU" for voting to protect babies and women.

Find your Senator here: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default.aspx>

**Watch for Action Alerts in the Weeks to come!
There are 2 weeks of the 2021 Legislative Session left.**

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>

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.

The Missouri Senate Passed Senate Substitutes for the Budget Bills This Week:

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.

House and Senate Concurred – No Differences

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.

House and Senate Concurred – No Differences

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

House and Senate Concurred – No Differences

We will follow these provisions as the House and Senate complete their work on the budget. 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 2 weeks of the 2021 Legislative Session.

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

Bills to Watch in These Last Weeks of Session:

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>
2. **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 29, 2021 – On Senate Informal Calendar for Senate Bills for Perfection

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

In the Missouri State House:

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

April 28, 2021 – Hearing Held in the Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs

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

April 26, 2021 – Reported Do Pass from Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight to the Speaker. Waiting for bill to be placed on House Calendar

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

April 28, 2021 – Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight

HB 1095 – Sponsor: Dirk Deaton – Increase in Tax Credits for Maternity Homes & Pregnancy Resource Centers (Support) NOTE: The increase in tax credits for maternity homes was put on HB 430 which has already been signed by the Governor.

April 20, 2021 – Placed on the House Informal Calendar