

Legislative Update – May 7, 2021

**Watch for Action Alerts in the Week to come!
There is 1 week of the 2021 Legislative Session left.**

EVERY UNBORN CHILD IS PRECIOUS AND DESERVES OUR PROTECTION PRO-LIFE CONCERNS OF 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>

The Legislature Completes Work on the Budget this Week.

The following provisions remained in place. Thank you to all House and Senate pro-life members who supported these provisions! Thank you to the Budget Chairmen, Representative Cody Smith and Senator Dan Hegeman, for your support!

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

Continue to pray for our Legislators as they make decisions on pro-life legislation in the last week 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 The Last Week of Session:

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 \(missourilife.org\)](#)

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.

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**)

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

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