

## **Legislative Update – December 22, 2021**

### **Pre-Filed Legislation for 2022 Legislative Session**

The 2022 Legislative Session will kick off at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Pre-filing of legislation for the 2022 session began Wednesday, December 1, 2021. At this time there have been 359 bills and 17 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And, there have been 630 bills and 38 various resolutions filed in the House.

Thank you for your support of Missouri Right to Life! Pro-life legislation passed in Missouri is making a difference and helping us save lives! Please join our team and support our work!

**Merry Christmas to you and your Family!**

**2021 has been another challenging but rewarding year in our battle and in our lives with our families. We pray for you and we look forward to 2022 as we work together with you to save innocent human lives and make Missouri an abortion free state!**

**You can make an end of year donation to support MRL's life-saving work here:**

**<https://www.missourilife.org/donate/>**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

Watch for information on our upcoming "Show-Me Life Action Day" on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. At this time, we are planning for this event to be in person at the Missouri State Capitol. Melissa Ohden will be our guest speaker along with other Missouri Statewide Pro-life Leaders. We will let you know if anything changes, but for now.... mark your calendars to be with us in Jefferson City on March 8, 2022! See details on our flyer here: [https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/lobby\\_day2022\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/lobby_day2022_flyer.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 legislative process.

### **In the Missouri State Senate:**

**SB 637** – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Excludes from eligible MO HealthNet providers any abortion providers and affiliates (**Support**)

**SB 639** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jill Schupp - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women (**Under Review**)

**SB 667** – Sponsor: Eric Burlison - Modifies provisions relating to public funding of abortion facilities and affiliates and provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers (**Support**)

**SB 688** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Brian Williams – Reauthorizes a tax credit for certain research expenses (**Under Review**)

**SB 698** – Sponsor: Elaine Gannon - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women (**Under Review**)

**SB 699** – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Establishes the "Abolition of Abortion in Missouri Act" (**Under Review**)

**SB 737** – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - “Safeguarding All Children’s Remains to Ensure Dignity Act” (**Support**)

**SB 753** – Sponsor: Eric Burlison - Establishes the “Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” (**Support**)

**SB 778** – Sponsor: Rick Brattin – Prohibits abortions following the detection of a fetal heartbeat and adds a private cause of action (**Support**)

**SB 779** – Sponsor: Elaine Gannon - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers (**Support**)

**SJR 34** – Sponsor: Bill Eigel - Prohibits expenditures of public funds to any person or facility, or affiliate of such, performing or inducing an abortion (**Support**)

### **OPPOSE:**

**SB 973** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jill Schupp - Would force a Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) to Refer for Abortions and force the PRC to give Women False Information (**Oppose**)

### **In the Missouri State House:**

**HB 1452** - 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**)

**HB 1461** – Sponsor: Adam Schnelting - Imposes certain restrictions on the expenditure of public funds for Family Planning (**Support**)

**HB 1557** – Sponsor: David Gregory - Prohibits public financial benefits to abortion facilities or affiliates or associates (**Support**)

**HB 1593** – Sponsor: Sara Walsh - Creates the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" (**Support**)

**HB 1636** – Sponsor: Brian Seitz - Increases the penalty for performing an abortion in the state of Missouri (**Support**)

**HB 1741** – Sponsor: Shamed Dogan - Modifies provisions relating to contraceptives (**Under Review**)

**HB 1752** – Sponsor: Chuck Basye - Changes provisions relating to instruction in human sexuality in schools (**Support**)

**HB 1854** – Sponsor: Nick Schroer - Modifies provisions relating to health care (**Support**)

**HB 1944** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Ian Mackey – Encourages immediate usage of abortifacient drugs (**Under Review**)

**HB 1959** – Sponsor: Doug Richey - Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" (**Support**)

**HB 1987** – Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Coleman – Establishes the “Empower Women, Promote Life Act” (**Support**)

**HB 1991** – Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Coleman - Establishes provisions relating to child support obligations for unborn children (**Support**)

**HB 2009** – Sponsor: Suzie Pollock - Modifies provisions relating to immunizations – Protection of religious or conscientious belief objection (**Under Review**)

**HB 2012** – Sponsor: Hannah Kelly – Ensures that no person (or abortion facility) shall knowingly donate or make an anatomical gift of the fetal organs or tissue resulting from an abortion to any person or entity for medical, scientific, experimental, therapeutic, or any other use (**Support**)

**HB 2077** – Sponsor: Nate Tate - Requires health benefit plans that provide coverage for maternity benefits to cover medically necessary laboratory tests and ultrasounds related to an enrollee's pregnancy (**Support**)

**OPPOSE:**

**HB 1727** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Emily Weber – Would force a Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) to Refer for Abortions and force the PRC to give Women False Information (**Oppose**)

**HB 1868** – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Emily Weber – Would Place in Statute Protection for the Right to Kill an Unborn Child (**Oppose**)