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Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES AND FUTURE GOALS

2022 Legislative Successes

- Continued funding for Alternatives to Abortion program
- Continued funding for Show-Me Healthy Babies program

2021 Legislative Successes

- Continued funding for Alternatives to Abortion program
- Continued funding for Show-Me Healthy Babies program
- Expansion of “Safe Place for Newborns Act” to provide a newborn safety incubator to these safe place facilities

2020 Legislative Successes

Corona Virus shut down the legislative session so pro-life legislation did not move forward.

- Passed funding for pro-life programs through the Budget Bills for Alternatives-to-Abortion and Show-Me Healthy Babies programs

2019 Legislative Successes

- “Missouri Stands For the Unborn Act” (SS SCS HB 126) includes:
 - ban of abortion at detection of a heartbeat at 8 weeks, if overturned
 - ban abortion at 14 weeks, if overturned
 - ban abortion at 18 weeks
 - ban abortion when the baby can feel pain
 - require second custodial parent notification
 - require Missouri informed consent requirements for out-of-state abortion referrals
 - increase required malpractice insurance to \$3 million
 - increase to 70% of the donation tax credits for donation to Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) and lift the limit on the amount of the donation

- ban abortion in Missouri when Roe v Wade is overturned
- ban abortion for race, gender, and Down Syndrome diagnosis
- “Simon’s Law” prohibits a health care facility, nursing home, physician, nurse, or medical staff from instituting a do-not-resuscitate order for any child who is not emancipated or under juvenile or family court jurisdiction without oral or written permission of at least one parent or legal guardian
- Pro-life provisions in budget bills include -
 - language on Missouri Technology Investment Funds distributed by the Missouri Technology Corporation so these public dollars do not go to research companies that do human cloning or embryonic stem cell research as defined in statute 196.1127. This language is only for the public dollars in this fund
 - funded Alternatives to Abortion Program covering a wide range of pregnancy care to give women and families an option to choose life for their unborn child. This program provides helps throughout and after the pregnancy
 - funded MO HealthNet Pilot Program to assist pregnant women, addicted to opioids, to get off drugs
 - funded Show-Me Healthy Babies Program to help pregnant women with pre-natal care
- Improvements to the Missouri tax credit program for taxpayers who donate to pregnancy resource centers (PRCs):
 - primary recipients of assistance from PRCs were expanded from “women” to “women and families”
 - after June 30, 2021, no more cumulative limit on PRC tax credits, so the state will not be apportioning a limit among all the PRCs, as it does presently
 - the six-year “sunset” provision that applied to the tax credit program has been repealed, and the program does not have any “sunset” date

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Highlights of Prior Years' Successes

- Whistleblower protection for workers who report offenses at abortion facilities
- Ensure ambulatory surgical center regulations are followed
- Annual on-site abortion facility inspections including unannounced inspections
- Protection for pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and religious communities not to be forced to fund or participate in abortion
- Concurrent jurisdiction for the Attorney General to ensure abortion clinics are upholding basic medical standards that protect women
- Require complication plan for abortion emergencies be filed with the department of health
- Require the physician performing the abortion to meet with the woman prior to the woman giving consent
- Required reporting to the department of health of all baby body parts from abortions and identification of the abortion facility
- The definition of an abortion facility added to health department regulations
- Prevent interference for medical assistance at abortion facilities
- Ban partial-birth abortions
- Ban web-cam abortions
- Woman's Right to Know
- 72-Hour reflection period
- Alternative to Abortion Program placed in statute and funded
- Safe Place for Newborns Drop-Off Program placed in statute and funded
- Restrictions on who teaches sex education in public schools
- Abortion facilities must abide by Ambulatory Surgical Center Regulations
- Anyone performing an abortion must have hospital privileges within 30 miles of the abortion facility
- Penalty for causing or aiding a minor to obtain an abortion without parental/legal guardian consent
- Abortion facilities required to report rape or sexual abuse of minors
- Abortion statistic reporting required
- Coverage for abortions must be by separate rider on insurance policies

- Coverage for abortions cannot be included in policies offered by State Health Insurance Exchanges
- Malpractice insurance required for abortionists
- Protection for pharmacy owners not to be forced to stock abortifacient drugs
- Pro-life protection on Life Sciences Research Trust Fund
- Pro-life protections on Missouri Works Program
- Successful Missouri Supreme Court case opposing MOSIRA. MOSIRA had no pro-life protections
- Requirement for Dept. of Health to set up transportation of donated umbilical cord blood to the Cord Blood Bank

Future Legislative Goals

- Ban on Public Funding of Abortions in statute
- Oppose state and federal funding of abortion providers
- Ban public funding of travel for abortions
- Ensure that women are protected from abortion drugs being shipped into Missouri
- Legislation making adoption more available and affordable to families wanting to pursue this possibility
- Ban on public funding of unethical research in statute
- Continue funding for good programs helping women to choose life for their unborn babies. State Funding Programs such as Alternative to Abortion, Show-Me Healthy Babies, and tax credits for Pregnancy Resource Centers
- Continue pro-life protective language on legislation dealing with human research and/or human cloning
- Legislation addressing abortion, in any capacity, on publicly-funded university campuses
- Oppose the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) at the state and federal levels
- Watch for and oppose other anti-life legislation
- Always consider other pro-life legislation to save innocent human lives at every stage of life