

Legislative Update
May 6, 2023

The House and Senate completed the budget by the constitutional deadline of May 5th. They also passed multiple bills. It was a bittersweet week for pro-life Missourians. Following are the Facts for the Week:

- 1. Conference Committees met and sent to the House and Senate the CCR HCS SCS SB's 45 & 90. This bill extends post-partum care to women in the MoHealthNet Program (Medicaid Insurance) for 12 months for the following situations based on the language of the bill for the "end of pregnancy": childbirth, stillborn, miscarriage and elective abortions.**

This Conference Committee agreed to CCR HCS SCS SB's 45 & 90 taking the position of the House in stripping out the pro-life protections that would have prevented "end of pregnancy" from including elective abortions. In other words, care for women who choose elective abortions will be paid for with our public tax dollars for 12 months after her "the end of pregnancy", elective abortion.

We thank the Senators who voted against this compromise and refused to accept the compromise of supporting care after an elective abortion.

The "NO" votes are the pro-life votes from the floor:

Senate:

For Including care after Elective Abortions: YEAS—Senators Arthur, Bean, Beck, Bernskoetter, Black, Brown (16th Dist.), Cierpiot, Coleman, Crawford, Eslinger, Fitzwater, Gannon, Hough, Luetkemeyer, May, McCreery, Mosley, O'Laughlin, Razer, Rizzo, Roberts, Rowden, Thompson Rehder, Trent, Washington, Williams—26

Against Including care after an Elective Abortion: NAYS—Senators Brattin, Brown (26th Dist.), Carter, Eigel, Hoskins, Koenig, Schroer—7

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Moon—1

Vacancies—None

The House has not voted on the Conference Committee Report (CCR HCS SCS SB's 45 & 90). They have one week left in this year's legislative session and it is expected they will vote on this next week.

You should take note that this compromise was supported by all pro-abortion Senators as well as some Republicans.

Conferees for SB's 45 & 90 were:

FOR THE SENATE: Senator Elaine Gannon (R), Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R), Senator Holly Thompson Rehder (R), Senator Tracy McCreery (D), Senator Lauren Arthur (D)

FOR THE HOUSE: Representative Melanie Stinnett (R), Representative Hannah Kelly (141) (R), Representative Kent Haden (R), Representative Aaron Crossley (D), Representative Donna Baringer (D)

- 2. The Senate, prior to taking up the CCR HCS SCS SB's 45 & 90, took up pro-abortion Senator Lauren Arthur's bill, SB 106, dealing with health care and third read and finally passed it.**

SB 106 includes the compromise language to have us pay for post-partum care for women for up to 12 months after her elective abortion.

This bill has been passed by both bodies (House and Senate) and is on its way to the Governor's desk.

We thank the House and Senators members who voted against this compromise and refused to accept the compromise of supporting care after an elective abortion.

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Vacancies—None

HOUSE:

For Including care after Elective Abortions:

AYES: 119 Adams, Allen, Amato, Anderson, Appelbaum, Atchison, Aune, Bangert, Baringer, Barnes, Bonacker, Bosley, Bromley, Brown 149, Brown 16, Brown 27, Brown 87, Buchheit-Courtway, Burger, Burnett, Burton, Busick, Butz, Byrnes, Casteel, Christ, Clemens, Collins, Cook, Crossley, Diehl, Dinkins, Doll, Ealy, Falkner, Farnan, Fogle, Fountain, Henderson, Gragg, Gray, Gregory, Griffith, Haden, Haley, Hausman, Hein, Henderson, Hicks, Hinman, Houx, Hovis, Hurlbert, Ingle, Johnson 12, Justus, Kalberloh, Keathley, Kelley 127, Kelly 141, Knight, Lavender, Lewis 25, Lewis 6, Lonsdale, Mackey, Mann, Marquart, Mayhew, McGaugh, McGirl, Merideth, Morse, Mosley, Myers, Nickson-Clark, Nurrenbern, Oehlerking, Parker, Patterson, Peters, Phifer,

Plank, Pollitt, Pouche, Proudie, Quade, Reedy, Reuter, Riggs, Riley, Roberts, Sassmann, Sauls, Schulte, Schwadron, Sharp 37, Sharpe 4, Shields, Smith 155, Smith 46, Steinhoff, Stephens, Stinnett, Strickler, Taylor 48, Thomas, Toalson Reisch, Van Schoiack, Veit, Voss, Waller, Walsh, Moore, Weber, West, Wilson, Windham, Woods, Young, Mr. Speaker

Against Including care after an Elective Abortion:

NOES: 023 Baker, Billington, Boggs, Boyd, Chappell, Christofanelli, Coleman, Davidson, Davis, Deaton, Hardwick, Hudson, Jones, Lovasco, Matthiesen, Murphy, Richey, Sander, Schnelting, Seitz, Sparks, Stacy, Titus

PRESENT: 004 Banderman, Copeland, Evans, McMullen

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 016 Black, Bland Manlove, Cupps, Francis, Gallick, Haffner, Johnson 23, O'Donnell, Owen, Perkins, Smith 163, Taylor 84, Terry, Thompson, Unsicker, Wright

VACANCIES: 001

Bottom line: Upon the Governor’s signature of SB 106 as passed, and SB’s 45 & 90, when passed, We will all be, required by law, to pay for up to 12 months of care for a woman who chooses an elective abortion.

**3. BUDGET BILLS – Alternative to Abortion and Show-Me Healthy Babies Funding
The House and Senate passed the following funding for these programs:**

HB 10: Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health and Senior Services

A. If your legislator says they have banned monies for abortion, technically that is true. However, if you ask if they have banned public dollars from going to the nation’s largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, that is not true.

Planned Parenthood Can Still Receive Funding because abortion is banned in Missouri. Read the language here:

Section 10.576. To the Department of Mental Health
 For medical and health related services performed by any clinic, physician’s office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced other than a hospital, or any affiliate or associate of any such clinic, physician’s office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced other than a hospital

From General Revenue Fund (0101)	\$0
From Federal and Other Funds (Various)	\$0
Total	\$0

Section 10.956. To the Department of Health and Senior Services
 For medical and health related services performed by any clinic, physician’s office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced other than a hospital, or

any affiliate or associate of any such clinic, physician's office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced other than a hospital

From General Revenue Fund (0101). \$0
From Federal and Other Funds (Various) \$0
Total. \$0

B. Department of Social Services

Funding For the Alternatives to Abortion Program: Section 11.165

From General Revenue Fund (0101). \$2,033,561
From Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund (0199). 6,300,000
From Department of Social Services Federal Fund (0610). 50,000

For Public Awareness for the Alternative to Abortion Program:

From General Revenue Fund (0101). \$275,000

NOTE: Other monies were set aside in this program for marriage and fatherhood initiatives.

C. Funding for the Show-Me Health Babies Program: Section 11.815

From General Revenue Fund (0101). \$15,136,244
From Title XXI - Children's Health Insurance Program Federal Fund 11 (0159)... . 48,503,932
Total. \$63,640,176

- 4. The Resolution to Protect our Constitution and "Keep Missouri Pro-Life" has stalled in the House and the Senate. We have one more week left in this legislative session. And/or, we have next legislative session to fix the way changes to our Missouri Constitution can be done.**

- 5. Pray for our State Officials and our Legislators as we work to "Keep Missouri Pro-Life". Pray for Missouri Right to Life as we speak the truth and stand for life!**

- 6. Watch for Updates in the last week of session. This year's legislative session ends at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12th.**