

# End of Session Report

## 2022 Session of the Missouri General Assembly

This report gives the final status of MCC position bills. Bills reported as “Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed,” have been approved by the Missouri General Assembly and await action by the governor. The governor has until July 14, 2022, to sign or veto bills. After the July 14<sup>th</sup> deadline, the MCC will send a progress report detailing the governor’s actions on Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed legislation.

### PROTECT HUMAN LIFE

#### **Abortion Abolition**

[SB699](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Establishes the "Abolition of Abortion in Missouri Act".

**Remarks** Oppose: While the MCC has long supported the "abolition of abortion" in Missouri, this legislation puts at risk pro-life legislation passed since *Roe v. Wade* and is not currently legally sustainable. It eliminates all of Missouri’s statutory pro-life provisions in exchange for a ban on abortion and eliminates the Alternatives to Abortion program, which provides support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. It would also subject women to possible criminal prosecution and jail time for having an abortion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

#### **Abortion Drug Mandate**

[HB1944](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

Establishes the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act".

**Remarks** Oppose: This legislation would mandate emergency room personnel to offer all approved FDA drugs to rape victims including those that can act as abortifacients. "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (*Evangelium Vitae*, par. 74) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

#### **Abortion Funding/Prohibition**

[HB1557](#)

Sponsor: Rep. David Gregory (R)

Prohibits public financial benefits to abortion facilities or affiliates or associates.

**Remarks** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

[HB1854](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 1854)

Sponsor: Rep. Nick Schroer (R)

Modifies provisions relating to health care.

**Remarks** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/09/2022 H - Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar

[HB3010](#) (Amended bill: CCS SS SCS HCS HB 3010) Sponsor: Rep. Cody Smith (R)  
To appropriate money for the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, and several divisions and programs. Section 10.725 prohibits funding for abortion services and abortion agencies.

**Remarks** Support in part: Support Section 10.725, which ensures state tax dollars are not used to fund abortion services. Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/06/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

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[SB1103](#) Sponsor: Sen. Rick Brattin (R)  
Prohibits public financial benefits to abortion facilities and their affiliates or associates.

**Remarks** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

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[SB637](#) Sponsor: Sen. Bob Onder (R)  
Excludes from eligible MO HealthNet providers any abortion providers and affiliates.

**Remarks** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

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[SB667](#) Sponsor: Sen. Eric Burlison (R)  
Modifies provisions relating to public funding of abortion facilities and affiliates and provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers.

**Remarks** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/22/2022 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

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[SB779](#) Sponsor: Sen. Elaine Gannon (R)  
Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers.

**Remarks** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/02/2022 S - Voted Do Pass Seniors, Families, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

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[SJR34](#) Sponsor: Sen. Bill Eigel (R)  
Prohibits expenditures of public funds to any person or facility, or affiliate of such, performing or inducing an abortion.

**Remarks** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

## **Abortion on Demand**

[HB1868](#) Sponsor: Rep. Emily Weber (D)  
Establishes the "Respect People's Abortion Decisions Act".

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation cloaks the real effect of this proposal which is to overturn pro-life

protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

### **Alternatives to Abortion/Funding**

[HB3011](#) (Amended bill: CCS SS SCS HCS HB 3011) Sponsor: Rep. Cody Smith (R)

To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.160 provides \$8.38 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

**Remarks** Support in part: Support Section 11.160 that provides funds for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. "Thanks to the work of such centres, many unmarried mothers and couples discover new hope and find assistance and support in overcoming hardship and the fear of accepting a newly conceived life or life which has just come into the world." (*Evangelium Vitae*, par. 88) 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/06/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

### **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act**

[HB1593](#) (Amended bill: HCS HBs 1593 & 1959, HB 2012) Sponsor: Rep. Sara Walsh (R)

Creates the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Remarks** Support: The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/04/2022 S - Referred to Senate-Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight

[HB1959](#) Sponsor: Rep. Doug Richey (R)

Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Remarks** Support: The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 02/23/2022 H - Superseded by HB 1593

[SB753](#) Sponsor: Sen. Eric Burlison (R)

Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Remarks** Support: The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/30/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

### **Correctional Center Nurseries**

[HB1897](#) (Amended bill: HCS HBs 1897 & 2414) Sponsor: Rep. Bruce DeGroot (R)

Establishes the Correctional Center Nursery Program.

**Remarks** Support: Allowing newborn children to remain with their incarcerated mothers reduces anxiety in children and fosters a more nurturing relationship between the mother and the child, improving outcomes for the child and the mother alike. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 683

[HB2414](#) Sponsor: Rep. Curtis Trent (R)

Establishes the Correctional Center Nursery Program.

**Remarks** Support: Allowing newborn children to remain with their incarcerated mothers reduces anxiety in children and fosters a more nurturing relationship between the mother and the

child, improving outcomes for the child and the mother alike. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/31/2022 H - Superseded by HB 1897

### **Death Penalty Repeal**

[HB1612](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Tony Lovasco (R)

Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

**Remarks** Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2267) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Criminal Justice

[HB2028](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Unsicker (D)

Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

**Remarks** Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2267) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

### **Death Penalty/Jury Instructions**

[HB1746](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

Modifies provisions relating to trial procedures for murder in the first degree.

**Remarks** Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

[SB825](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bill White (R)

Modifies provisions relating to jury instructions for the offense of murder in the first degree.

**Remarks** Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/20/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

### **Pregnancy Resource Centers/Coercion of Speech**

[HB1727](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Emily Weber (D)

Requires organizations that provide pregnancy-related services to provide medically accurate information regarding reproductive health options in order to receive state funding.

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation would force pregnancy resource centers to provide information about abortion options. This is contrary to the core mission of pregnancy resource centers and represents a violation of free speech. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

[HB2261](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)

Establishes the "Truth in Medicine Act".

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation would force pregnancy resource centers to provide information about abortion options. This is contrary to the core mission of pregnancy resource centers and represents a violation of free speech. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

[SB973](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

**Remarks** Establishes the "Truth in Medicine Act".  
Oppose: Legislation would force pregnancy resource centers to provide information about abortion options. This is contrary to the core mission of pregnancy resource centers and represents a violation of free speech. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 02/24/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

### **Prohibiting Hoarding of Fetal Remains**

[HB2012](#) (Amended bill: SCS HCS HB 2012) Sponsor: Rep. Hannah Kelly (R)  
Modifies provisions relating to fetal organs and tissue resulting from an abortion.

**Remarks** Support: The grisly practice of hoarding fetal remains from abortions should be outlawed. The remains of deceased human beings should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of the cause of death. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/04/2022 S - Referred to Senate-Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight

[SB737](#) Sponsor: Sen. Andrew Koenig (R)  
Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

**Remarks** Support: The grisly practice of hoarding fetal remains from abortions should be outlawed. The remains of deceased human beings should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of the cause of death. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 02/16/2022 S - Voted Do Pass Seniors, Families, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

### **Shackling of Pregnant Offenders/Prohibition**

[HB2332](#) Sponsor: Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)  
Creates provisions relating to the treatment of pregnant and postpartum prisoners by county and city jails.

**Remarks** Support: Missouri law restricting the shackling of pregnant offenders does not currently apply to counties and municipalities. Shackling pregnant offenders demeans the dignity of the human person and can place the health of pregnant women and their unborn children at risk, and the Missouri law should be applied on a state-wide basis. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

## **WELCOME AND ACCOMPANY IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

### **In-state Tuition for DACA Students**

[HB2613](#) Sponsor: Rep. Ingrid Burnett (D)  
Modifies provisions relating to higher education tuition.

**Remarks** Support: Students brought to the U.S. as children by their parents should not be denied in-state tuition rates at Missouri public universities when they have been given protected legal status through the DACA program and have made a decision to continue to live in Missouri relying upon government's forbearance. Offering them in-state tuition is a way of recognizing them as persons who consider Missouri their home. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Higher Education

### **Tax Credit/Refugee Resource Centers**

[SB1233](#) Sponsor: Sen. Steven Roberts (D)  
Authorizes a tax credit for contributions made to refugee resource centers.

**Remarks** Support: This tax credit will support those from other countries fleeing war and persecution in their efforts to resettle in the U.S. Resettlement agencies, like Catholic Charities, provide invaluable material and emotional support to refugees during their time of need. 04/29/22

## ADVANCE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL

### Application for Social Service Benefits

[HB2048](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Simplifies the application form for certain public assistance benefit programs and allows certain periodic eligibility review forms to be submitted as an attachment to a recipient's state tax return.

**Remarks** Support: Simplifying the application process for social service benefits will help those seeking services to access the programs they need. Part of the effort to promote human dignity. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

### Broadband for Underserved Areas

[HB2737](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Johnson (D)

Establishes a program within the department of economic development to provide high-speed internet access to underserved areas.

**Remarks** Support: Providing broadband service to underserved of the state is one means of ensuring access to healthcare, education, and information necessary for economic justice and human flourishing in the digital age. 03/17/22

**Bill History** 03/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed House-Special Committee on Broadband and Infrastructure Committee

### COVID Unemployment Compensation

[HB2513](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Clemens (D)

Creates new provisions relating to the recovery of overpaid unemployment benefits.

**Remarks** Support: Forgiving non-fraudulent receipt of federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic is a means of economic justice and will help to allay the financial impact of the health crisis on people in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Workforce Development

[HB2918](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Cupps (R)

Prohibits the State of Missouri from recollecting certain incorrectly distributed employment security benefits.

**Remarks** Support: Forgiving non-fraudulent receipt of federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic is a means of economic justice and will help to allay the financial impact of the health crisis on people in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 03/10/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Public Policy

### Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

[HB2346](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Marlon Anderson (D)

Allows a person convicted of a drug-related felony to become eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits upon meeting certain conditions.

**Remarks** Support: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7)

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**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

[HB2350](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Marlon Anderson (D)

Allows a person convicted of a drug-related felony to become eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits upon meeting certain conditions.

**Remarks**

Support: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7)  
01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

### **Food Stamps/Work Requirements**

[HB2156](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

Modifies provisions relating to work requirements for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

**Remarks**

Oppose: In the zeal to get people to work, sanctions should not be imposed that deny basic food allowances to parents and/or children. There are better ways to encourage work. If the state is going to impose work requirements for social programs, it should appropriate sufficient funding for the administration of these requirements. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

### **Medicaid Expansion**

[HB3014](#) (Amended bill: SS SCS HCS HB 3014)

Sponsor: Rep. Cody Smith (R)

To appropriate money for supplemental purposes, including Medicaid expansion.

**Remarks**

Support in part: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2288) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 02/24/2022 G - Signed by the Governor

### **Medicaid Work Requirements**

[HJR117](#) (Amended bill: HCS HJR 117)

Sponsor: Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet.

**Remarks**

Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/21/2022 S - Referred to Senate-Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight

[HJR92](#)

Sponsor: Rep. John Eggleston (R)

Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet.

**Remarks**

Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/01/2022 H - Public hearing completed House-Budget Committee

## Minimum Wage/Repeal

[HB2919](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Cupps (R)

Repeals the state minimum wage law.

**Remarks** Oppose: All workers deserve a just wage in order to support themselves and their families. A just wage is one way to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2434) 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Workforce Development

## Mo Rx Funding

[HB2820](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Stephens (R)

Extends the Missouri Rx Plan to August 28, 2029.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low-income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

[SB1179](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Lincoln Hough (R)

Extends the Missouri Rx Plan to August 28, 2029.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low-income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 710

## Postpartum Care

[HB2242](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Phifer (D)

Modifies provisions relating to health care services for pregnant and postpartum women.

**Remarks** Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1908) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

[HB2374](#)

Sponsor: Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

Extends coverage for mothers in the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program to one year postpartum.

**Remarks** Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1908) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

[HB2604](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jon Patterson (R)

Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

**Remarks** Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1908) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/05/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

[HB2644](#)

Sponsor: Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

**Remarks** Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth.



The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1908) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Insurance

[SB639](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

**Remarks** Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1908) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/26/2022 S - Superseded by SB 698

[SB698](#) (Amended bill: SCS SBs 698 & 639)

Sponsor: Sen. Elaine Gannon (R)

Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women.

**Remarks** Support: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1908) 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/02/2022 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

### **Show-Me Healthy Babies**

[HB3011](#) (Amended bill: CCS SS SCS HCS HB 3011)

Sponsor: Rep. Cody Smith (R)

To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.805 provides \$53 million for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program. This includes funding for prenatal care and related services for pregnant women and their unborn children.

**Remarks** Support in part: Support Section 11.805 that provides funds for Show-Me Healthy Babies program, which is designed to provide improved access to prenatal care for expectant mothers and their unborn children. 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/06/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

### **Solutions for Food Deserts**

[HB1570](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Agriculture Policy

[HB1919](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 1919)

Sponsor: Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert and establishes an agricultural socially disadvantaged communities outreach program.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 03/22/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

[HB2020](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Yolanda Young (D)

Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in

underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 02/15/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Agriculture Policy

[HB2871](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)

Establishes a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation offers an incentive for grocery stores to establish retail stores in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 03/10/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Agriculture Policy

[SB717](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Authorizes a tax credit for urban farms located in a food desert.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation offers an incentive for individuals to establish urban gardens in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 03/08/2022 S - Voted Do Pass

[SB790](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Doug Beck (D)

Establishes a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation offers an incentive for grocery stores to establish retail stores in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 03/01/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Economic Development Committee

## UPHOLD AND STRENGTHEN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

### **Fines for Human Trafficking**

[HB2307](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Coleman (R)

Assesses an additional five thousand dollar fine for human trafficking offenses and establishes the "Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Fund".

**Remarks** Support: This legislation would impose additional fines on those engaged in human trafficking and would generate funding for the victims who are harmed by this egregious practice. 02/23/22

**Bill History** 05/09/2022 S - Superseded by HB 2032 (Voted Do Pass as substituted)

### **Gender Reassignment Treatment Ban**

[HB2649](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Suzie Pollock (R)

Creates provisions relating to gender transition procedures.

**Remarks** Support: Medical and surgical treatment for gender dysphoria denies the fundamental truth about the human person being created male and female in the image and likeness of God. "[I]earning to accept our body, to care for it, and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology." *Laudato Si'*, No. 15. Minors are not capable of giving informed consent to experimental treatment that could lead to irreversible changes to their bodies, and their sexual and reproductive faculties. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/27/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight

[SB843](#) (Amended bill: SCS SB 843)

Sponsor: Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Relating to gender reassignment.

**Remarks** Support: Medical and surgical treatment for gender dysphoria denies the fundamental truth about the human person being created male and female in the image and likeness of God. "[I]earning to accept our body, to care for it, and to respect its fullest meaning, is an

essential element of any genuine human ecology.” *Laudato Si’*, No. 15. Minors are not capable of giving informed consent to experimental treatment that could lead to irreversible changes to their bodies, and their sexual and reproductive faculties. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/12/2022 S - Reported Do Pass as substituted

### **Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative**

[HB3011](#) (Amended bill: CCS SS SCS HCS HB 3011)

Sponsor: Rep. Cody Smith (R)

To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.160 provides \$2.5 million for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program.

**Remarks** Support in part: Support Section 11.160 that provides funds for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program, which encourages stronger marriages and assists absent fathers in reconnecting with their families and children. 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/06/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

### **Internet Filters for Adult Content**

[HB1957](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Richey (R)

Establishes the Protect Young Minds Online Act, which requires internet service providers to authenticate access to obscene websites.

**Remarks** Support: Modern technology provides unprecedented access to adult content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to adult content for adults will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/24/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Emerging Issues

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[SB923](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Requires internet service providers to authenticate access to obscene websites and provide subscribers the ability to create an authentication to access such websites.

**Remarks** Support: Modern technology provides unprecedented access to adult content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to adult content for adults will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/12/2022 S - Reported Do Pass

### **Parental Bill of Rights**

[HB2068](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Sauls (D)

Enacts the "Parents' Bill of Rights".

**Remarks** Amend per position: This legislation recognizes that parents have a fundamental right to direct the education of their children. Amendments are needed to ensure that it recognizes the reality that educational institutions are using the internet and virtual programming that, by its very nature, results in children's likenesses being broadcast under certain circumstances. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

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[SB653](#)

Sponsor: Sen. John Rizzo (D)

Relating to parental rights in public schools.

**Remarks** Amend per position: This legislation recognizes that parents have a fundamental right to direct the education of their children. Amendments are needed to ensure that it recognizes the reality that educational institutions are using the internet and virtual programming that, by its very nature, results in children's likenesses being broadcast under certain circumstances. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Education

### **Pediatric Do Not Resuscitate**

[HB2741](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Bill Kidd (R)

Modifies provisions relating to outside the hospital do-not-resuscitate orders.

**Remarks**

Support: Do Not Resuscitate orders entered for children with severe disabilities with the consent of the parents should be honored both in the hospital and outside the hospital during transport. This respects the decisions of the parents in consultation with their physicians and others involved in these difficult decisions. 03/17/22

**Bill History**

05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

### **Recreational Marijuana**

[HB2733](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Peter Merideth (D)

Establishes provisions legalizing cannabis for persons twenty-one years of age or older.

**Remarks**

Oppose: Legalizing the use of marijuana for recreational purposes poses risks to public safety and to the well-being of Missouri employees and youth. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the "use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (CCC No. 2291) The MCC is concerned that legalizing marijuana in this manner will harm the working poor disproportionately and send a message to youth that marijuana use is safe and socially acceptable for recreational purposes. 01/28/22

**Bill History**

05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Government Oversight

[HJR83](#) (Amended bill: HCS HJR 83)

Sponsor: Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

Proposes a constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana for adult use.

**Remarks**

Oppose: Legalizing the use of marijuana for recreational purposes poses risks to public safety and to the well-being of Missouri employees and youth. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the "use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (CCC No. 2291) The MCC is concerned that legalizing marijuana in this manner will harm the working poor disproportionately and send a message to youth that marijuana use is safe and socially acceptable for recreational purposes. 01/28/22

**Bill History**

05/04/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

### **Re-defining Marriage in Missouri Statutes**

[HJR84](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chris Sander (R)

Changes a valid marriage from a marriage between a man and a woman to two persons regardless of the genders of the two persons.

**Remarks**

Oppose: "Although the dignity of this institution [marriage] is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. 'The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life.'" (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 1603) 01/28/22

**Bill History**

05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Children and Families

### **Sex Ed Opt Out**

[HB1752](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Basye (R)

Changes provisions relating to instruction in human sexuality in schools.

**Remarks**

Support: Legislation affirms the right of parents to direct the education of their children, especially as it relates to the sensitive and challenging issue of human sexuality. 01/28/22

**Bill History**

02/16/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

### **Sex Separated Sports**

[HB2197](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Bennie Cook (R)

Establishes guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.

<b>Remarks</b>	Support: This legislation would ensure fundamental fairness and safety for female athletes seeking to participate in interscholastic sports. Allowing biological males to compete against biological females cooperates with and advances an ideology at odds with proper pedagogy and the dignity of females and female athletes. 01/28/22
<b>Bill History</b>	04/13/2022 H - Superseded by HB 2734 (referred to Rules-Legislative Oversight)
<a href="#">HB2461</a>	Sponsor: Rep. Jamie Burger (R)
	Establishes guidelines for public school student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.
<b>Remarks</b>	Support: This legislation would ensure fundamental fairness and safety for female athletes seeking to participate in interscholastic sports. Allowing biological males to compete against biological females cooperates with and advances an ideology at odds with proper pedagogy and the dignity of females and female athletes. 01/28/22
<b>Bill History</b>	04/13/2022 H - Superseded by HB 2734 (referred to Rules-Legislative Oversight)
<a href="#">HB2734</a>	Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Basye (R)
	(Amended bill: HCS HBs 2734, 2197 & 2461) Establishes guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.
<b>Remarks</b>	Support: This legislation would ensure fundamental fairness and safety for female athletes seeking to participate in interscholastic sports. Allowing biological males to compete against biological females cooperates with and advances an ideology at odds with proper pedagogy and the dignity of females and female athletes. 01/28/22
<b>Bill History</b>	04/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight

## DEFEND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

### Church Space/Gun Regulations

<a href="#">HB1462</a>	Sponsor: Rep. Adam Schnelting (R)
	(Amended bill: SCS HCS HB 1462) Changes the law regarding firearms.
<b>Remarks</b>	Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 03/17/22
<b>Bill History</b>	05/11/2022 S - Placed on Informal Calendar
<a href="#">HB1698</a>	Sponsor: Rep. Ben Baker (R)
	Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit.
<b>Remarks</b>	Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 03/17/22
<b>Bill History</b>	02/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed, House-General Laws Committee
<a href="#">HB1912</a>	Sponsor: Rep. Nick Schroer (R)
	Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit.
<b>Remarks</b>	Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 03/17/22

**Bill History** 02/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed, House-General Laws Committee

[HB2442](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Davis (R)

Modifies provisions relating to firearms.

**Remarks** Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on General Laws

[HB2666](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Modifies provisions relating to the concealed carrying of firearms.

**Remarks** Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 03/17/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on General Laws

[SB752](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Eric Burlison (R)

Modifies and removes provisions relating to concealed firearms.

**Remarks** Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 03/17/22

**Bill History** 03/01/2022 S - Voted Do Pass Senate-General Laws Committee

### ***Immunity for Disclosure of Abuse by Employees***

[HB1546](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 1546)

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Richey (R)

Provides immunity from civil liability for disclosures by a charity, nonprofit organization, religious organization, or church of allegations of sexual misconduct.

**Remarks** Support: Non-profits should be immune from civil liability when disclosing to other non-profits incidents of abuse previously reported to the state, as required by law, about which the non-profit is a mandatory reporter. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

### ***Religious Liberty Protections/Campus Organizations***

[HB1724](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Brad Hudson (R)

Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against a religious student association or denying a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association.

**Remarks** Support: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against and denied access to campus resources based on their religious beliefs or practices. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/03/2022 S - Voted Do Pass

### ***Religious Liberty/Infringements***

[HB1737](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**Remarks** Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would

penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 04/11/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Litigation Reform

[HB1760](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chris Sander (R)

Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**Remarks** Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/31/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Litigation Reform

[HB2580](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)

Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**Remarks** Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on General Laws

[SB711](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Greg Razer (D)

Modifies provisions relating to discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Remarks** Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business and Industry

## SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Education Reform

[HB1916](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Nick Schroer (R)

Authorizes a tax credit for parents of students attending school outside of their school district.

**Remarks** Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

[SB841](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Establishes the Education Savings Account Program.

**Remarks** Support: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/20/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Education

### Holocaust Education

[HB2000](#) (Amended bill: SCS HCS HB 2000)

Sponsor: Rep. Adam Schwadron (R)

Establishes Holocaust Education Week.

**Remarks** Support: Missouri students should be taught about the atrocities committed during the Holocaust to help educate them on the importance of religious toleration and the dangers of hatred, bigotry, and scapegoating classes of people. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 681

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[SB983](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Modifies provisions relating to Holocaust education.

**Remarks** Support: Missouri students should be taught about the atrocities committed during the Holocaust to help educate them on the importance of religious toleration and the dangers of hatred, bigotry, and scapegoating classes of people. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/30/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Progress and Development Committee

## REFORM CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### "Raise the Age"/Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

[HB1745](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

Modifies provisions relating to the certification of juveniles for trial as an adult.

**Remarks** Support: In their 2000 statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, the U.S. Bishops state: "We bishops cannot support policies that treat young offenders as though they are adults...society must never respond to children who have committed crimes as though they are adults - fully formed in conscience and fully aware of their actions. Placing children in adult jails is a sign of failure, not a solution." 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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[SB1205](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Eigel (R)

Modifies provisions relating to the certification of juveniles for trial as an adult.

**Remarks** Support: In their 2000 statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, the U.S. Bishops state: "We bishops cannot support policies that treat young offenders as though they are adults...society must never respond to children who have committed crimes as though they are adults - fully formed in conscience and fully aware of their actions. Placing children in adult jails is a sign of failure, not a solution." 01/28/22

**Bill History** 03/29/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

### Addressing Mandatory Minimums

[HB1800](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms.

**Remarks** Support: Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas, which do not always serve the purposes of punishment for crimes. Adding additional offenses for which minimum sentences must be given moves Missouri in the wrong direction and places additional pressure on Missouri's already overcrowded prisons. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

### Early Parole/Older Inmates

[HB2134](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ian Mackey (D)



Changes the law regarding parole eligibility for certain offenders who have served thirty years of his or her sentence.

**Remarks**

Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In *A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/28/22

**Bill History**

05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

[SB714](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

**Remarks**

Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In *A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/28/22

**Bill History**

01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

**Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act**

[HB2088](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Derek Grier (R)

Establishes the Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act of 2021.

**Remarks**

Support: This legislation offers inmates an opportunity to reduce their time on probation by gainful employment, reducing recidivism and helping restore them to the community. 01/28/22

**Bill History**

05/05/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

**Expungement**

[SB687](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Authorizes expungement of certain offenses.

**Remarks**

Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/28/22

**Bill History**

01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

**Modifies Terms of Probation**

[SB948](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bill White (R)

Modifies provisions relating to terms of probation.

**Remarks**

Support: This legislation would allow offenders to reduce their term of probation by completing diversionary programs that will help them better themselves and assist in returning them to society as productive members upon their completion of probation. 01/28/22

**Bill History**

03/21/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

**Offering Life With Parole vs Without**

[HB2232](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Allows a court to reduce a life without parole sentence to a sentence of life with eligibility for parole in certain circumstances.

**Remarks** Support: In their 2000 statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, the bishops call for a renewed emphasis to be placed on parole and probation as an alternative to incarceration. Offenders should have a reasonable opportunity to obtain parole after serving an appropriate amount of time. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

### **Reforms Private Probation**

[HB2248](#) Sponsor: Rep. Ron Hicks (R)

Changes the law regarding private probation supervision services by prohibiting drug and alcohol screen tests unrelated to the offense and requiring the use of earned compliance credits.

**Remarks** Support: Probation providers should be limited in the requirements they are permitted to impose upon offenders as a matter of justice and the legitimate exercise of public authority. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 02/23/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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[SB896](#) Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Modifies provisions relating to probation and parole for certain offenders.

**Remarks** Support: Probation providers should be limited in the requirements they are permitted to impose upon offenders as a matter of justice and the legitimate exercise of public authority. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 01/27/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

### **Work Opportunities for Prior Offenders**

[HB1675](#) Sponsor: Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

Requires the department of corrections to establish a program aimed at assisting incarcerated persons in obtaining their commercial driver's license in order to operate dump trucks upon release.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation offers offenders a fair opportunity for work after serving their sentences by providing them access to a commercial driver's license while incarcerated so that they can become gainfully employed upon release. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 13 H - Referred to House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

### **Wrongful Convictions/Compensation**

[HB1847](#) Sponsor: Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (R)

Creates a civil cause of action allowing claimants to seek damages from the state for wrongful conviction.

**Remarks** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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[HB2412](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 2412) Sponsor: Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

Establishes provisions relating to restitution for individuals found to be actually innocent through any evidentiary method.

**Remarks** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/28/22

**Bill History** 02/23/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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[HB2474](#) Sponsor: Rep. Ron Hicks (R)

	Establishes provisions relating to restitution for individuals found to be actually innocent through any evidentiary method.
<b>Remarks</b>	Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/28/22
<b>Bill History</b>	05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar
<a href="#">HB2639</a>	Sponsor: Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)
	Establishes provisions relating to restitution for certain individuals.
<b>Remarks</b>	Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/28/22
<b>Bill History</b>	05/13/2022H - Referred to House Special Committee on Criminal Justice
<a href="#">SB1094</a>	Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Washington
	Modifies provisions relating to wrongful convictions.
<b>Remarks</b>	Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/28/22
<b>Bill History</b>	03/28/2022 S - Voted Do Pass, Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee