

# MCC Positions and Progress Report

MCC position bills pending in 2022 Missouri General Assembly ~ 4/8/2022

## Protect Human Life

### Abortion Abolition

**Original Bill:** [SB699](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Abolition of Abortion in Missouri Act".

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

### Abortion Drug Mandate

**Original Bill:** [HB1944](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

### Abortion Funding/Prohibition

**Original Bill:** [HB1557](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. David Gregory (R)

**Description:** Prohibits public financial benefits to abortion facilities or affiliates or associates.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB1854](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Nick Schroer (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to health care.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/22/2022 H - Superseded by HCS HB 2012

**Original Bill:** [HB3010](#)    **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 3010                      **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)  
**Description:** 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.  
**Position Statement:** 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  
**Last Action:** 04/07/2022 H - Third Read and Passed - Y-100 N-45

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**Original Bill:** [SB1103](#)    **Amended Bill:**                                      **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)  
**Description:** Prohibits public financial benefits to abortion facilities and their affiliates or associates.  
**Position Statement:** 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  
**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

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**Original Bill:** [SB637](#)    **Amended Bill:**                                      **Sponsor:** Sen. Bob Onder (R)  
**Description:** Excludes from eligible MO HealthNet providers any abortion providers and affiliates.  
**Position Statement:** 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  
**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

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**Original Bill:** [SB667](#)    **Amended Bill:**                                      **Sponsor:** Sen. Eric Burlison (R)  
**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to public funding of abortion facilities and affiliates and provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers.  
**Position Statement:** 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  
**Last Action:** 03/22/2022 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

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**Original Bill:** [SB779](#)    **Amended Bill:**                                      **Sponsor:** Sen. Elaine Gannon (R)  
**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers.  
**Position Statement:** 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  
**Last Action:** 03/02/2022 S - Voted Do Pass Seniors, Families, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

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**Original Bill:** [SJR34](#)    **Amended Bill:**                                      **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Eigel (R)  
**Description:** Prohibits expenditures of public funds to any person or facility, or affiliate of such, performing or inducing an abortion.  
**Position Statement:** 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  
**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

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## Abortion on Demand

**Original Bill:** [HB1868](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (D)

**Description:** Establishes the "Respect People's Abortion Decisions Act".

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

**Original Bill:** [HB3011](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 3011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

**Description:** To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.160 provides \$6.4 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/07/2022 H - Third Read and Passed - Y-89 N-57

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## Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

**Original Bill:** [HB1593](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sara Walsh (R)

**Description:** Creates the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/04/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

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**Original Bill:** [HB1959](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/23/2022 H - Superseded by HB 1593

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**Original Bill:** [SB753](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Eric Burlison (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Position Statement:** 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

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

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## Correctional Center Nurseries

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

**Description:** Establishes the Correctional Center Nursery Program.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/31/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Seniors, Families, Children, and Military Affairs

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**Original Bill:** [HB2414](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Curtis Trent (R)

**Description:** Establishes the Correctional Center Nursery Program.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/31/2022 H - Superseded by HB 1897

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## Death Penalty Repeal

**Original Bill:** [HB1612](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Tony Lovasco (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2028](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sarah Unsicker (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

**Original Bill:** [HB1746](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB825](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill White (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/20/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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## Pregnancy Resource Centers/Coercion of Speech

**Original Bill:** [HB1727](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2261](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)

**Description:** Establishes the "Truth in Medicine Act".

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB973](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

**Description:** Establishes the "Truth in Medicine Act".

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/24/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

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## Prohibiting Hoarding of Fetal Remains

**Original Bill:** [HB2012](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 2012 **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to fetal organs and tissue resulting from an abortion.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 S - Reported to the Senate and read first time

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**Original Bill:** [SB737](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/16/2022 S - Voted Do Pass Seniors, Families, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

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## Shackling of Pregnant Offenders/Prohibition

**Original Bill:** [HB2332](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to the treatment of pregnant and postpartum prisoners by county and city jails.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/10/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Welcome and Accompany Immigrants and Refugees

### In-state Tuition for DACA Students

**Original Bill:** [HB2613](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ingrid Burnett (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to higher education tuition.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

### Application for Social Service Benefits

**Original Bill:** [HB2048](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

**Description:** 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.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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### Broadband for Underserved Areas

**Original Bill:** [HB2737](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Johnson (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed House-Special Committee on Broadband and Infrastructure Committee

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## COVID Unemployment Compensation

**Original Bill:** [HB2513](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Clemens (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/24/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2918](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Scott Cupps (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/10/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Public Policy

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## Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

**Original Bill:** [HB2346](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marlon Anderson (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/10/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2350](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marlon Anderson (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/10/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Food Stamps/Work Requirements

**Original Bill:** [HB2156](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/22/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

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## Medicaid Expansion

**Original Bill:** [HB3014](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 3014 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

**Description:** To appropriate money for supplemental purposes, including Medicaid expansion.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/24/2022 G - Signed by the Governor

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## Medicaid Work Requirements

**Original Bill:** [HJR117](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HJR 117 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/22/2022 S - Hearing Conducted Senate-Appropriations Committee

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**Original Bill:** [HJR92](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. John Eggleston (R)

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/01/2022 H - Public hearing completed House-Budget Committee

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## Minimum Wage/Repeal

**Original Bill:** [HB2919](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Scott Cupps (R)

**Description:** Repeals the state minimum wage law.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/02/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Mo Rx Funding

**Original Bill:** [HB2820](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mike Stephens (R)

**Description:** Extends the Missouri Rx Plan to August 28, 2029.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/29/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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## Postpartum Care

**Original Bill:** [HB2242](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Phifer (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2374](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/12/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2604](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jon Patterson (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/05/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [HB2644](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/08/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB639](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/26/2022 S - Superseded by SB 698

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**Original Bill:** [SB698](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Elaine Gannon (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/02/2022 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

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### Show-Me Healthy Babies

**Original Bill:** [HB3011](#)    **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 3011    **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

**Description:** 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.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/07/2022 H - Third Read and Passed - Y-89 N-57

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### Solutions for Food Deserts

**Original Bill:** [HB1570](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB1919](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/22/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [HB2020](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Yolanda Young (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/15/2022 H - Referred to House committee on Agriculture Policy

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**Original Bill:** [HB2871](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)

**Description:** Establishes a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/10/2022 H - Referred to House committee on Agriculture Policy

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**Original Bill:** [SB717](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/08/2022 S - Voted Do Pass

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**Original Bill:** [SB790](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Doug Beck (D)

**Description:** Establishes a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/01/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Economic Development Committee

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## Uphold and Strengthen Marriage and Family

### Fines for Human Trafficking

**Original Bill:** [HB2307](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Coleman (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 H - Perfected

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### Gender Reassignment Treatment Ban

**Original Bill:** [HB2649](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Suzie Pollock (R)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to gender transition procedures.

**Position Statement:** 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. "[...]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. 03/19/21

**Last Action:** 02/09/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB843](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

**Description:** Relating to gender reassignment.

**Position Statement:** 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. "[...]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

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

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### Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative

**Original Bill:** [HB3011](#)    **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 3011    **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

**Description:** 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.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/07/2022 H - Third Read and Passed - Y-89 N-57

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### Internet Filters for Adult Content

**Original Bill:** [HB1957](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/24/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Emerging Issues

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**Original Bill:** [SB923](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/23/2022 S - Voted Do Pass, Senate-Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee

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### Parental Bill of Rights

**Original Bill:** [HB2068](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Robert Sauls (D)

**Description:** Enacts the "Parents' Bill of Rights".

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Re-defining Marriage in Missouri Statutes

**Original Bill:** [HJR84](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chris Sander (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Sex Ed Opt Out

**Original Bill:** [HB1752](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chuck Basye (R)

**Description:** Changes provisions relating to instruction in human sexuality in schools.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/16/2022 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

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## Sex Separated Sports

**Original Bill:** [HB2197](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bennie Cook (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/07/2022 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing, House-General Laws Committee

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**Original Bill:** [HB2461](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Burger (R)

**Description:** Establishes guidelines for public school student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/07/2022 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing, House-General Laws Committee

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**Original Bill:** [HB2734](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chuck Basye (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/07/2022 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing, House-General Laws Committee

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## Defend Religious Liberty

## Church Space/Gun Regulations

**Original Bill:** [HB1462](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1462 **Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schnelting (R)

**Description:** Changes the law regarding firearms.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/05/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-General Laws Committee

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**Original Bill:** [HB1698](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ben Baker (R)

**Description:** Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed, House-General Laws Committee

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**Original Bill:** [HB1912](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Nick Schroer (R)

**Description:** Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed, House-General Laws Committee

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**Original Bill:** [HB2442](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Davis (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to firearms.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/14/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2666](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to the concealed carrying of firearms.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/10/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB1760](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chris Sander (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/31/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Litigation Reform

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**Original Bill:** [HB2580](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/27/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB711](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Greg Razer (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business and Industry

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## Support Educational Opportunities

### Education Reform

**Original Bill:** [HB1916](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Nick Schroer (R)

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

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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB841](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

**Description:** Establishes the Education Savings Account Program.

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

**Last Action:** 01/20/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Education

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## Holocaust Education

**Original Bill:** [HB2000](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 2000 **Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schwadron (R)

**Description:** Establishes Holocaust Education Week.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/05/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Progress and Development

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**Original Bill:** [SB983](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to Holocaust education.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/30/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Progress and Development Committee

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## Reform Criminal Justice

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

**Original Bill:** [HB1745](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB1205](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Eigel (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 03/29/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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## Addressing Mandatory Minimums

**Original Bill:** [HB1800](#) **Amended Bill:**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Early Parole/Older Inmates

**Original Bill:** [HB2134](#) **Amended Bill:**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB714](#) **Amended Bill:**

**Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

**Position Statement:** 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

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

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## Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act

**Original Bill:** [HB2088](#) **Amended Bill:**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Derek Grier (R)

**Description:** Establishes the Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act of 2021.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 S - Reported to the Senate and read first time

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## Expungement

**Original Bill:** [SB687](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

**Description:** Authorizes expungement of certain offenses.

**Position Statement:** 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

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

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## Modifies Terms of Probation

**Original Bill:** [SB948](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill White (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to terms of probation.

**Position Statement:** 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

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

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## Offering Life With Parole vs Without

**Original Bill:** [HB2232](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Reforms Private Probation

**Original Bill:** [HB2248](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Ron Hicks (R)

**Description:** 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.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 02/23/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [SB896](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to probation and parole for certain offenders.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/27/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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## Work Opportunities for Prior Offenders

**Original Bill:** [HB1675](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

**Description:** 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.

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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## Wrongful Convictions/Compensation

**Original Bill:** [HB1847](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

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

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

**Last Action:** 01/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2412](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

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

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

**Last Action:** 02/23/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [HB2474](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ron Hicks (R)

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

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

**Last Action:** 04/04/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

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**Original Bill:** [HB2639](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to restitution for certain individuals.

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

**Last Action:** 02/06/2022 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB1094](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to wrongful convictions.

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

**Last Action:** 03/28/2022 S - Voted Do Pass, Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

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