

## Uphold and Strengthen Marriage and Family

### "Marriage" Removed from Statute

**Original Bill:** [HB1282](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schnelti

**Description:** Changes the laws regarding marriage and replaces marriage licenses with contracts of domestic union.

**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) This legislation represents a retreat from the effort to revitalize the institution of marriage, an institution essential to the preservation of society. 03/19/21

**Last Action:** 03/10/2021 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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### Gender Reassignment Treatment Ban

**Original Bill:** [HB33](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Suzie Pollock (

**Description:** Prohibits medical providers from administering any medical or surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for anyone under the age of eighteen.

**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:** 03/01/2021 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing 03/03/2021 9:00 AM - \*\* REVISED to ADD HB 401 \*\* - House-Children and Families, HR 7

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### Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative

**Original Bill:** [HB11](#)    **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 11    **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. 03/19/21

**Last Action:** 04/08/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations

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### Internet Filters for Adult Content

**Original Bill:** [HB919](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (

**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. 02/19/21

**Last Action:** 04/07/2021 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [SB336](#)      **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. 02/19/21

**Last Action:** 03/03/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment

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### Non-Licensed Residential Care Facilities

**Original Bill:** [HB557](#)      **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 557 & 560      **Sponsor:** Rep. Rudy Veit (R)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to the protection of children.

**Position Statement:** Support: Non-licensed residential child care facilities should be held to the same safety standard as licensed facilities as a means of protecting vulnerable youth and adolescents. 03/19/21

**Last Action:** 04/08/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Seniors, Families, Children, and Military Affairs

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### Recreational Marijuana

**Original Bill:** [HJR30](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Doga

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana for adult use.

**Position Statement:** 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. 01/22/21

**Last Action:** 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

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### Sex Ed Opt Out

**Original Bill:** [HB786](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Chuck Basye (

**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. 02/19/21

**Last Action:** 03/04/2021 H - Referred to House committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

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### Sex Separated Sports

**Original Bill:** [HJR53](#)      **Amended Bill:** HCS HJR 53      **Sponsor:** Rep. Chuck Basye (

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment to protect the integrity of interscholastic athletic contests.

**Position Statement:** Support: This proposed constitutional amendment 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. 3/19/21

**Last Action:** 02/25/2021 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing    03/03/2021 4:30 PM - House-Emerging Issues, HR 3

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