

## 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**Last Action:** 05/09/2022 S - Superseded by HB 2032 (Voted Do Pass as substituted)

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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. "[l]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.

**Last Action:** 04/27/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [SB843](#)    **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 843    **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. "[l]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.

**Last Action:** 04/12/2022 S - Reported Do Pass as substituted

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### Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative

**Original Bill:** [HB3011](#)    **Amended Bill:** CCS SS SCS 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:** 05/06/2022 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

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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:** 04/12/2022 S - Reported Do Pass

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

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**Original Bill:** [SB653](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. John Rizzo (D)

**Description:** Relating to parental rights in public schools.

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

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## Pediatric Do Not Resuscitate

**Original Bill:** [HB2741](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Kidd (R)

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

**Position Statement:** 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

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

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## Recreational Marijuana

**Original Bill:** [HB2733](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Peter Merideth (D)

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

**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. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Government Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [HJR83](#)    **Amended Bill:** HCS HJR 83    **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

**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. 01/28/22

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

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

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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:** 04/13/2022 H - Superseded by HB 2734 (referred to Rules-Legislative Oversight)

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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:** 04/13/2022 H - Superseded by HB 2734 (referred to Rules-Legislative Oversight)

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**Original Bill:** [HB2734](#)    **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 2734, 2197 & 2461    **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:** 04/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight

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