

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Benefits Cliff

Original Bill: [HB719](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 719 **Sponsor:** Rep. Alex Riley (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to public assistance.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers transitional benefits for those who receive an increase in income that would otherwise make them ineligible for any assistance in order to encourage work. 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/05/2023 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 106

Original Bill: [SB82](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS SS SB 82 **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to public assistance.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation offers transitional benefits for those who receive an increase in income that would otherwise make them ineligible for any assistance in order to encourage work. 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/05/2023 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 106

Child Care Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB1335](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (R)

Description: Authorizes the Supporting Use of Child Care for Economic Stability and Security (SUCCESS) Tax Credit.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 03/17/23

Last Action: 03/07/2023 H - Public hearing completed

Original Bill: [HB813](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wendy Hausman (R)

Description: Authorizes a property tax exemption for certain property used for childcare, contingent upon passage and approval by the voters of a constitutional amendment permitting a property tax exemption.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 02/15/23

Last Action: 04/04/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

Original Bill: [HB870](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 870 **Sponsor:** Rep. Brenda Shields (R)

Description: Authorizes the "Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act", the "Employer-Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act", and the "Child Care Providers Tax Credit", and the Supporting Use of Child Care for Economic Stability and Security (SUCCESS) Tax Credit, relating to tax credits for child care.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 03/17/23

Last Action: 05/04/2023 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Fiscal Oversight

Original Bill: [HJR47](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wendy Hausman (R)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing a property tax exemption for certain property used for childcare.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 02/15/23

Last Action: 04/18/2023 H - Public hearing completed

Original Bill: [SB151](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R)

Description: Authorizes a property tax exemption for certain property used for childcare.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 02/15/23

Last Action: 02/28/2023 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [SB184](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 184 **Sponsor:** Sen. Lauren Arthur (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax relief for child-related expenses.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 02/15/23

Last Action: 04/04/2023 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [SJR26](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R)

Description: Authorizes a property tax exemption for certain property used for childcare.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 02/15/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

Original Bill: [HB857](#) **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) 02/15/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

Food Stamps/Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HB747](#) **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. 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/08/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight

Medicaid Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HJR63](#) **Amended Bill:** **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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 04/05/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Budget

Original Bill: [SJR4](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet beneficiaries, providers, and services.

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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 02/08/2023 S - Voted Do Pass

Postpartum Care

Original Bill: [HB1186](#) **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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB254](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Pollitt (R)

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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 03/29/2023 H - Superseded by HB 354

Original Bill: [HB286](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Patty Lewis (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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 02/23/2023 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB328](#) **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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

Original Bill: [HB354](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 354, 965, 254 & 957 **Sponsor:** Rep. Bishop Davidson (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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 04/17/2023 H - Reported Do Pass

Original Bill: [HB91](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jonathan 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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 02/02/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB957](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 03/29/2023 H - Superseded by HB 354

Original Bill: [HB965](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Melanie Stinnett (R)

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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 03/29/2023 H - Superseded by HB 354

Original Bill: [SB45](#) **Amended Bill:** CCS HCS SS SCS SBs 45 & 90 **Sponsor:** Sen. Elaine Gannon (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to health care.

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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/12/2023 H - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

Original Bill: [SB90](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (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) 01/13/23

Last Action: 02/01/2023 S - Superseded by SB 45

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB11](#) **Amended Bill:** CCS SCS HCS HB 11 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.815 provides \$57 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 11.815 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. 02/15/23

Last Action: 05/05/2023 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

Solutions for Food Deserts

Original Bill: [SB143](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS SS SB 143 **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 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. 01/13/23

Last Action: 05/03/2023 H - Voted Do Pass
