

## Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

### Benefits Cliff

**Original Bill:** [HB719](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **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:** 01/10/2023 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB82](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **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:** 01/12/2023 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

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### 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) 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 01/19/2023 H - Read Second Time

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### 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:** 01/11/2023 H - Read Second Time

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### Medicaid Work Requirements

**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:** 01/12/2023 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

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## Postpartum Care

**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:** 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

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**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

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**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

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**Original Bill:** [HB354](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **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

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**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

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**Original Bill:** [SB45](#)    **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) 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 01/18/2023 S - Hearing Conducted

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**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:** 01/18/2023 S - Hearing Conducted

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## Solutions for Food Deserts

**Original Bill:** [SB143](#)      **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 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:** 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

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