

2024 Session of the Missouri General Assembly

This report gives the final status of MCC position bills. Bills reported as “Truly Agreed and Finally Passed,” have been approved by the Missouri General Assembly and await action by the governor. The governor has until July 14, 2024, to sign or veto bills.

Protect Human Life

Abortion "Abolition"

Original Bill: [SB775](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the protection of unborn children.

Position Statement: Oppose: While the bill seeks to “abolish” abortion in Missouri, it would subject a woman who has an abortion to criminal prosecution and potential imprisonment. This is inconsistent with the history of the pro-life movement, as states have not sought to criminally punish a woman who has had an abortion. Our focus should be helping women receive care, healing, and forgiveness, not on subjecting them to criminal prosecution. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/09/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

Abortion Drug Mandate

Original Bill: [HB2121](#) **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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Abortion Funding/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB1563](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1563 **Sponsor:** Rep. Ann Kelley (R)

Description: Prohibits public funds from being expended to any abortion facility, or affiliate or associate thereof, including for MO HealthNet reimbursement, and 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/02/2024 H - Placed Back on Formal Perfection Calendar

Original Bill: [HB2010](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 2010 **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 10.770 prohibits funding for abortion services and abortion agencies.

Position Statement: Support in part: 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/10/2024 H - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - Y-89 N-43

Original Bill: [HB2175](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schnelting (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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2634](#) **Amended Bill:** SS#2 HCS HB 2634 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/09/2024 G - Signed by the Governor

Original Bill: [HJR133](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (R)

Description: Establishes "Protect Children First".

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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1168](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SBs 1168 & 810 **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/07/2024 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [SB810](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to eligible MO HealthNet providers.

Position Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for
Statement: abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to
create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/31/2024 S - Superseded by SB 1168

Original Bill: [SB916](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Denny Hoskins (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to eligible MO HealthNet providers.

Position Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for
Statement: abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to
create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

Abortion on Demand

Original Bill: [HB2038](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (D)

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

Position Oppose: Legislation seeks to overturn pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of
Statement: misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2758](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sarah Unsicker (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the regulation of abortion.

Position Oppose: This would seek to remove Missouri's total abortion ban and other pro-life protections.
Statement: 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1135](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lauren Arthur (D)

Description: Repeals provisions of law relating to abortion.

Position Oppose: Legislation seeks to overturn pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of
Statement: misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

Alkaline Hydrolysis

Original Bill: [HB2706](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Aaron Crossley (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the disposition of human remains.

Position Oppose: We oppose the use of alkaline hydrolysis as a means of disposing of human remains since it
Statement: fails to fully respect the dignity that is owed to the deceased. Our Catholic faith informs us that we are
made in the image of God and that our human bodies share in the dignity of this image. 02/21/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

Original Bill: [HB2011](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 2011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.240 provides \$8.66 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

Position Support in part:

Statement: Support Section 11.165 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) 02/21/24

Last Action: 05/10/2024 H - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - Y-88 N-43

Death Penalty Repeal

Original Bill: [HB1780](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

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

Position Support:

Statement: 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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB1846](#) **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 Support:

Statement: 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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB1882](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Patty Lewis (D)

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

Position Support:

Statement: 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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Domestic Violence/Protection

Original Bill: [HB1819](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Del Taylor (D)

Description: Prohibits certain individuals from possessing a firearm due to domestic violence.

Position Support: Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the
Statement: possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/01/2024 H - Referred to House committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety

Original Bill: [HB2336](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Maggie Nurrenbern (D)

Description: Prohibits certain individuals from possessing a firearm due to domestic violence.

Position Support: Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the
Statement: possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2488](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Burton (D)

Description: Prohibits certain individuals from possessing a firearm due to domestic violence.

Position Support: Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the
Statement: possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1033](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Doug Beck (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms.

Position Support: Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the
Statement: possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB913](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms.

Position Support: Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the
Statement: possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Legal Protection for In Vitro Fertilization

Original Bill: [HB2845](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Allen (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to in vitro fertilization procedures.

Position Oppose:

Statement: In vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalizes the act of creating a child, and requires the harvesting of human eggs and the artificial storage of human embryos, denying them maternal reception and gestation. IVF also often results in the destruction of excess embryos through selective reduction after implantation (a form of abortion), or destruction for use in human embryonic stem cell research. (*Dignitas Personae*, par. 18) 03/22/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1486](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

Description: Modifies the definition of an unborn child to exclude embryos created through in vitro fertilization prior to implantation.

Position Oppose:

Statement: In vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalizes the act of creating a child, and requires the harvesting of human eggs and the artificial storage of human embryos, denying them maternal reception and gestation. IVF also often results in the destruction of excess embryos through selective reduction after implantation (a form of abortion), or destruction for use in human embryonic stem cell research. (*Dignitas Personae*, par. 18) 03/22/24

Last Action: 03/07/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

No Right to Abortion in Constitution

Original Bill: [HJR89](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Justin Sparks (R)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment regarding the right to life.

Position Support: Support laws that protect the right to life and clarify that a "right to abortion" is not found in the

Statement: Missouri Constitution. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Protect Human Life/Tax Credits

Original Bill: [HJR131](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HJR 131 **Sponsor:** Rep. Justin Sparks (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to abortion and assistance to pregnant women and families.

Position Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a

Statement: culture of life and compassion. 02/21/24

Last Action: 04/17/2024 H - Reported Do Pass

Original Bill: [SJR87](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to abortion and assistance to pregnant women and families.

Position Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a

Statement: culture of life and compassion. 02/21/24

Last Action: 03/14/2024 S - Voted Do Pass

Right to Abortion in Constitution

Original Bill: [HJR105](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Crystal Quade (D)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a "Right to Abortion Care".

Position Oppose: We oppose all efforts to enshrine a "right to abortion" in laws or in the Missouri Constitution.

Statement: 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HJR106](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Peter Merideth (D)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to the right to medical freedom.

Position Oppose: We oppose all efforts to enshrine a "right to abortion" in laws or in the Missouri Constitution.
Statement: 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Shackling of Pregnant Offenders/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB1777](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1777, 2203, 2059 & 2502 **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

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

Position Support: Missouri law restricting the shackling of pregnant offenders does not currently apply to
Statement: 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. 02/21/24

Last Action: 05/06/2024 S - Hearing Conducted

Welcome and Accompany Immigrants and Refugees

Offense of Trespass by an Illegal Alien

Original Bill: [HB2523](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 2523, 2367 & 2470 **Sponsor:** Rep. Hardy Billington (R)

Description: Creates the offense of trespass by an illegal alien.

Position Oppose: The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to
Statement: control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This bill is overly punitive. 02/21/24

Last Action: 5/02/2024 H - Placed Back on Formal Perfection Calendar

Original Bill: [HB2844](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Creates the "Border Security Enhancement Act" relating to the offense of trespass by an illegal alien, creates an offense of trafficking an illegal alien child, and modifies provisions relating to employment verification.

Position Oppose: The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to
Statement: control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This bill is overly punitive. 02/21/24

Last Action: 03/11/2024 H - Public hearing completed

Provisions Relating to Illegal Immigrants

Original Bill: [SB1372](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Eigel (R)

Description: Creates new provisions relating to illegal immigrants.

Position Oppose: The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to
Statement: control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. 03/22/24

Last Action: 03/11/2024 S - Hearing Conducted

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Child Care Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB1488](#) **Amended Bill:** **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", relating to tax credits for child care.

Position Support:

Statement: 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 04/10/2024 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [HB2183](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 2183 & 2529 **Sponsor:** Rep. Wendy Hausman (R)

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

Position 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 04/03/2024 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [HB2529](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (R)

Description: Modifies and establishes provisions relating to child care.

Position 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/21/2024 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted

Original Bill: [SB742](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lauren Arthur (D)

Description: Authorizes tax credits for child care.

Position 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/27/2024 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [SB975](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R)

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

Position 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 03/14/2024 S - Voted Do Pass

Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

Original Bill: [HB1777](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1777, 2203, 2059 & 2502 **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

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

Position Support:

Statement: 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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/06/2024 S - Hearing Conducted

Removal of Sales Tax for Diapers/Feminine Hygiene Products

Original Bill: [HB1474](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

Description: Reduces the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products.

Position Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford
Statement: items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB1579](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Maggie Nurrenbern (D)

Description: Changes the laws regarding the taxation of feminine hygiene products and diapers.

Position Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford
Statement: items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB1762](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Justin Hicks (R)

Description: Authorizes a sales tax exemption for the purchase of diapers and feminine hygiene products.

Position Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford
Statement: items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB1920](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jo Doll (D)

Description: Authorizes a sales tax exemption for the purchase of diapers and feminine hygiene products.

Position Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford
Statement: items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2112](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wendy Hausman (R)

Description: Authorizes a sales tax exemption for the purchase of diapers, incontinence products, feminine hygiene products, and certain vitamins.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2187](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Patty Lewis (D)

Description: Modifies provisions of the diaper bank tax credit and authorizes a sales tax exemption for the purchase of diapers, feminine hygiene products, & incontinence products.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2224](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Phifer (D)

Description: Changes the laws regarding the taxation of feminine hygiene products and diapers.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1119](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Description: Authorizes sales tax exemptions for certain purchases.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tax Policy

Original Bill: [SB1231](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

Description: Authorizes a sales tax exemption for diapers.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tax Policy

Original Bill: [SB793](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Authorizes a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/09/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tax Policy

Original Bill: [SB842](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lauren Arthur (D)

Description: Authorizes a sales tax exemption for the purchase of diapers.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/11/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tax Policy

Original Bill: [SB858](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Karla May (D)

Description: Authorizes a sales tax exemption for certain hygiene products.

Position Statement: Support: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/11/2024 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tax Policy

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB2011](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 2011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.815 provides \$72 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. 02/21/24

Last Action: 05/10/2024 H - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - Y-88 N-43

Solutions for Food Deserts

Original Bill: [SB1380](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax credits for improving access to food.

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. 02/21/24

Last Action: 02/08/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tax Policy

Uphold and Strengthen Marriage and Family

Age Verification for Adult Content

Original Bill: [HB1426](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mike McGirl (R)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to civil liability for publishing or distributing material harmful to minors on the internet.

Position Statement: Support: Modern technology provides unprecedented access to adult content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to adult content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/12/24

Last Action: 03/12/2024 H - Superseded by HB 1993

Original Bill: [HB1855](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Banderman (R)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to civil liability for publishing or distributing material harmful to minors on the internet.

Position Statement: Support: Modern technology provides unprecedented access to adult content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to adult content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/12/24

Last Action: 03/12/2024 H - Superseded by HB 1993

Original Bill: [HB1993](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1993, 1855, 1426 & 2157 **Sponsor:** Rep. Sherri Gallick (R)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to civil liability for publishing or distributing material harmful to minors on the internet.

Position Statement: Support: Modern technology provides unprecedented access to adult content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to adult content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/12/24

Last Action: 04/04/2024 H - Reported Do Pass

Original Bill: [HB2375](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mazzie Christensen (R)

Description: Creates requirement that users must provide government-issued identification prior to viewing pornographic materials provided by commercial entities on the internet.

Position Statement: Support: Modern technology provides unprecedented access to adult content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to adult content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Gender Reassignment Treatment Ban

Original Bill: [SB1185](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Description: Removes the expiration date on certain provisions relating to gender transition.

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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB726](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Denny Hoskins (R)

Description: Removes the expiration date on certain provisions relating to gender transition.

Position Support:

Statement: 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/08/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB776](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Description: Removes the expiration date on certain provisions relating to gender transition.

Position Support:

Statement: 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/09/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Emerging Issues

Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative

Original Bill: [HB2011](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 2011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.165 provides \$3 million for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program.

Position Support in part: Support Section 11.165 that provides funds for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood

Statement: Initiative program, which encourages stronger marriages and assists absent fathers in reconnecting with their families and children. 02/21/24

Last Action: 05/10/2024 H - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - Y-88 N-43

Internet Filters for Adult Content

Original Bill: [SB1084](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Description: Creates provisions requiring filtering of obscene websites.

Position Support: Modern technology provides unprecedented access to adult content for both adults and

Statement: minors. Restricting access to adult content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy, and the Environment

Paid Leave for Adoption/Fostering

Original Bill: [HB2532](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jo Doll (D)

Description: Requires private employers that provide paid family and medical leave to provide equivalent leave for adoption and fostering.

Position Statement: Support: It is pro-life to support families as they welcome new life and care for one another in their most vulnerable periods. 02/21/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Re-defining Marriage in Missouri Statutes

Original Bill: [HJR121](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Burton (D)

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

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) 02/21/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Sex Ed Opt Out

Original Bill: [HB1523](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Changes provisions relating to student interactions 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Sex Separated Sports

Original Bill: [HB1981](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Burger (R)

Description: Modifies 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2145](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

Description: Removes an expiration date of provisions governing participation in athletics competitions.

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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1246](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Holly Thompson Rehder (R)

Description: Repeals the 2027 expiration of a provision of law prohibiting students from participating on an athletic team that is designated for the opposite biological 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Emerging Issues

Defend Religious Liberty

Breaching the Seal of the Confessional

Original Bill: [HB1896](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Raychel Proudie (D)

Description: Allows the reporting of a privileged communication regarding child abuse and neglect that is made to a minister or clergyperson.

Position Statement: Oppose: In an effort to address the scourge of child sexual abuse by members of the Church in the past, the state should not infringe upon the First Amendment right of priests to administer the sacrament of confession and to maintain the confidentiality of things disclosed there as required by Canon law. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Church Space/Gun Regulations

Original Bill: [HB1708](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1708 **Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schnelting (R)

Description: Changes the law regarding firearm concealed carry permits.

Position Statement: Oppose in part: Provision of 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). 01/12/24

Last Action: 5/02/2024 H - Placed Back on Formal Perfection Calendar

Original Bill: [HB1848](#) **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). 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Conscience Protections

Original Bill: [HB1519](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Prohibits discrimination against health care professionals who refuse to assist in medical procedures or treatments relating to sex reassignment or gender identity transitioning.

Position Support:

Statement: The Catholic Church at the Second Vatican Council proclaimed that the freedom to exercise one's religious faith without threat of coercion is grounded in the dignity of the human person and that no person could be forced to act in a manner "contrary to his conscience." (*Dignitatis Humanae*, par. 3) 02/21/24

Last Action: 01/31/2024 H - Superseded by HB 1520

Immunity for Disclosure of Abuse by Employees

Original Bill: [HB1741](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (R)

Description: Provides immunity from civil liability for disclosures by a charity, nonprofit organization, religious organization, or church of allegations of sexual misconduct.

Position Support: Non-profits should be immune from civil liability when disclosing to other non-profits incidents of abuse previously reported to the state, as required by law, about which the non-profit is a mandatory reporter. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Religious Liberty Protections/Campus Organizations

Original Bill: [HB1518](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against a religious student association or denying a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association.

Position Support: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against and denied access to campus resources based on their religious beliefs or practices. 01/12/24

Last Action: 03/28/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Governmental Accountability

Religious Liberty/Infringements

Original Bill: [HB2478](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ashley Aune (D)

Description: Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Position 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB787](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Greg Razer (D)

Description: Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Position Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or
Statement: 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 04/17/2024 S - Hearing Conducted

Support Educational Opportunities

Empowerment Scholarships

Original Bill: [HB1615](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Changes the definition of "qualified student" for purposes of Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts.

Position Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of
Statement: alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/12/2024 H - Public hearing completed

Original Bill: [HB1671](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Matthiesen (R)

Description: Changes the definition of "qualified student" for the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program".

Position Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of
Statement: alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24

Last Action: 04/23/2024 H - Voted Do Pass as substituted

Original Bill: [HB1738](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (R)

Description: Changes provisions governing educational scholarships.

Position Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of
Statement: alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/12/2024 H - Public hearing completed

Original Bill: [HB2104](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Phil Christofanelli (R)

Description: Changes provisions governing educational scholarships.

Position Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of
Statement: alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/12/2024 H - Public hearing completed

Original Bill: [HB2366](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Aaron McMullen (R)
Description: Establishes the "Missouri Parent Empowerment Act" relating to a tax credit for certain educational expenses.
Position Statement: Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24
Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2620](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)
Description: Changes the definition of "qualified student" for purposes of Missouri empowerment scholarship accounts.
Position Statement: Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24
Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1118](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)
Description: Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.
Position Statement: Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24
Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children

Original Bill: [SB1391](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 1391 **Sponsor:** Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer (R)
Description: Modifies provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.
Position Statement: Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24
Last Action: 03/07/2024 S - Reported Do Pass as substituted

Original Bill: [SB1392](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)
Description: Modifies provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program and authorizes charter schools to operate in Boone County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis County.
Position Statement: Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24
Last Action: 03/05/2024 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [SB727](#) **Amended Bill:** SS#2 SCS SB 727 **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig (R)
Description: Modifies provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.
Position Statement: Support in part: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities, however the bills also address issues (charter schools) that the MCC does not have a position on at this time. 01/12/24
Last Action: 05/07/2024 G - Signed by the Governor

Reform Criminal Justice

Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

Original Bill: [HB2468](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bishop Davidson (R)

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

Position Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which
Statement: undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/12/24

Last Action: 04/09/2024 H - Voted Do Pass

Original Bill: [SB1169](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

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

Position Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which
Statement: undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB859](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Karla May (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the offense of murder in the first degree.

Position Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which
Statement: undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/11/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Early Parole/Older Inmates

Original Bill: [SB1147](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

Position Support:
Statement: 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB1218](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to parole eligibility.

Position Support:
Statement: 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB914](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

Position Support:

Statement: 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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Expanding Mandatory Minimums

Original Bill: [HB1545](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Allen (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to minimum sentences.

Position Oppose: Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas,

Statement: which do not always serve the purpose 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 03/14/2024 H - Voted Do Pass as substituted

Expungement

Original Bill: [HB2247](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to expungement.

Position Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by

Statement: giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB1194](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to expungement.

Position Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by

Statement: giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB763](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to expungement.

Position Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by

Statement: giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/12/24

Last Action: 03/25/2024 S - Hearing Conducted

Original Bill: [SB861](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to expungement.

Position Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by
Statement: giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/24/2024 S - Superseded by SB 754

Gain Time for Good Behavior

Original Bill: [HB2203](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to good time credit.

Position Support: Inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward
Statement: and an incentive. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/08/2024 H - Superseded by HB 1777

Original Bill: [SB1333](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to good time credit for time served.

Position Support: Inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward
Statement: and an incentive. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Providing ID to Inmates Prior to Release

Original Bill: [HB2502](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Philip Oehlerking (R)

Description: Requires the department of corrections to provide certain services to inmates prior to their release from the department.

Position Support: Support providing identification documents to help an individual reintegrate back into society.
Statement: 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/08/2024 H - Superseded by HB 1777

Original Bill: [SB1254](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Greg Razer (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to documents for inmates prior to release from prison.

Position Support: Support providing identification documents to help an individual reintegrate back into society.
Statement: 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Reforms Private Probation

Original Bill: [SB1227](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to terms of probation.

Position Support: Probation providers should be limited in the requirements they are permitted to impose upon
Statement: offenders as a matter of justice and the legitimate exercise of public authority. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Wrongful Convictions/Compensation

Original Bill: [HB1597](#) **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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 05/17/2024 H - Referred to House committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB860](#) **Amended Bill:**

Sponsor: Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Description: Modifies provisions involving 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/11/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB883](#) **Amended Bill:**

Sponsor: Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to compensation for 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/11/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB886](#) **Amended Bill:**

Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to restitution for individuals who are actually innocent.

Position Statement: Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/11/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence
