

# MCC Positions and Progress Report

MCC position bills pending in 2026 Missouri General Assembly ~ 2/27/2026

## Protect Human Life

### Abortion "Abolition"

**Original Bill:** [HB1682](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Burt Whaley (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Missouri Prenatal Equal Protection Act".

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** While the bill seeks to "abolish" abortion in Missouri, it would subject a woman who has an abortion to criminal prosecution and potential imprisonment. The laws we advance to protect unborn children should do no harm to their mothers. In most, if not all cases, these women are abortion's second victim. Our focus should be on helping post-abortive women receive care, healing, and forgiveness, not subjecting them to criminal penalties. This compassionate approach to post-abortive women has also been the approach of the pro-life community at large. Just prior to the release of the 2022 *Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, 75 pro-life leaders signed an open letter to state lawmakers urging them to oppose legislation that would criminalize or punish women for obtaining an abortion. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB951](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** While the bill seeks to "abolish" abortion in Missouri, it would subject a woman who has an abortion to criminal prosecution and potential imprisonment. The laws we advance to protect unborn children should do no harm to their mothers. In most, if not all cases, these women are abortion's second victim. Our focus should be on helping post-abortive women receive care, healing, and forgiveness, not subjecting them to criminal penalties. This compassionate approach to post-abortive women has also been the approach of the pro-life community at large. Just prior to the release of the 2022 *Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, 75 pro-life leaders signed an open letter to state lawmakers urging them to oppose legislation that would criminalize or punish women for obtaining an abortion. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

### Abortion Drug Mandate

**Original Bill:** [HB2628](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jaclyn Zimmermann (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to examinations and medical care for victims of sexual assault.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB924](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

**Description:** Establishes the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act".

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

## Abortion on Demand

**Original Bill:** [HB2483](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (D)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Legislation seeks to repeal pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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## Alkaline Hydrolysis

**Original Bill:** [HB2093](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Aaron Crossley (D)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** We oppose the use of alkaline hydrolysis as a means of disposing of human remains since it 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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## Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

**Original Bill:** [HB1667](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

**Description:** Creates the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/05/2026 S - Reported to the Senate and read first time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2294](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Holly Jones (R)

**Description:** Creates the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 H - Superseded by HB 1667

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**Original Bill:** [SB1221](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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**Original Bill:** [SB999](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/19/2026 S - Reported Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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## Child Support Obligations for Unborn Children

**Original Bill:** [HB2338](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Raychel Proudie (D)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to child support obligations for unborn children.

**Position:** Support in part

**MCC Statement:** While the bill raises a few practical implementation issues that should be clarified, it represents a meaningful step towards fostering a culture of life and respect for the dignity of the human person, and towards promoting shared parental accountability. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

## Death Penalty Repeal

**Original Bill:** [HB2153](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jim Murphy (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2521](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ray Reed (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2623](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB1160](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

**Description:** Repeals provisions relating to the death penalty.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/15/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

## Domestic Violence/Protection

**Original Bill:** [HB3048](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Del Taylor (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/22/2026 H - Read Second Time

## No Right to Abortion in Constitution

**Original Bill:** [HJR109](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Burt Whaley (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support laws that protect the right to life and clarify that a "right to abortion" is not found in the Missouri Constitution. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

## Prohibiting Use of Aborted Fetal Tissue for Research

**Original Bill:** [HB2313](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Deanna Self (R)

**Description:** Prohibits the use of fetal organs or tissue resulting from elective abortions for medical, scientific, research, experimental, or therapeutic purposes or any other use.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The remains of children killed in abortions should be treated with the same respect as any other person and should not be treated as a commodity. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

## Repeal Pro-life Laws

**Original Bill:** [SB1692](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Support the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 02/19/2026 S - Introduced and Read First Time

## Repeals Amendment 3 (2024)

**Original Bill:** [SJR107](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

**Description:** Repeals Article I, Section 36, the "Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion and limit the effects of Amendment 3. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/05/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

## Right to Abortion in Constitution

**Original Bill:** [HJR142](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Elizabeth Fuchs (D)

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment establishing the right to make medical decisions, including decisions on gender-affirming care.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Provides every individual a nearly unlimited right to make and carry out their own medical decisions without government interference. It specifies a right for adults to receive "gender-affirming care," but is written broadly enough to create a right to abortion, IVF, euthanasia, etc. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

## Rights for Unborn Children

**Original Bill:** [HB2688](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Darin Chappell (R)

**Description:** Specifies that an unborn child, at any stage of development, is subject to the protections of the 5th and 14th Amendments of the United States Constitution.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Gives every unborn child the same rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution as any other individual. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 02/25/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Rules-Administrative

## Welcome and Accompany Immigrants and Refugees

### Disclosure of Patients' Citizenship or Immigration Status

**Original Bill:** [HB1926](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Gregg Bush (D)

**Description:** Prohibits health care professionals from documenting or disclosing the citizenship or immigration status of patients.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** This bill prohibits health care professionals from documenting the citizenship or immigration status of patients in their medical records for any reason other than to determine the patient's needs and eligibility for social or community services. The bill additionally prohibits the disclosure of a patient's citizenship or immigration status to any law enforcement agency. This bill will encourage individuals to seek necessary treatment without fear of punishment. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

### In-state Tuition for Immigrant High School Graduates

**Original Bill:** [HB2062](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to higher education tuition.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Students brought to the U.S. as children by their parents should not be denied in-state tuition rates at Missouri public universities. Offering them in-state tuition is a way of recognizing them as persons who consider Missouri their home. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2487](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to higher education tuition.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Students brought to the U.S. as children by their parents should not be denied in-state tuition rates at Missouri public universities. Offering them in-state tuition is a way of recognizing them as persons who consider Missouri their home. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

### Offense of Concealment or Inducement of an Illegal Alien

**Original Bill:** [SB1265](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

**Description:** Creates new provisions relating to illegal aliens.

**Position:** Oppose in part

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This type of bill has also been used to attack charities that provide food and shelter to migrants in other states. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

## Offense of Trespass/Improper Entry by an Alien

**Original Bill:** [SB1070](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. David Gregory (R)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to illegal aliens.

**Position:** Oppose in part

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This bill is overly punitive to undocumented migrants. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/15/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

**Original Bill:** [SB1321](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Ben Brown (R)

**Description:** Creates the offense of improper entry by an alien.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This bill is overly punitive to undocumented migrants. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

**Original Bill:** [SB1338](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

**Description:** Creates the offense of improper entry by an alien.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This bill is overly punitive to undocumented migrants. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

## Professional Licenses to Legal Aliens

**Original Bill:** [HB2518](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ray Reed (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to professional licenses issued to DACA recipients.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** This would allow people who are legally in the U.S. to better integrate into their communities. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2522](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ray Reed (D)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to the issuance of professional and occupational licenses to certain individuals with federal employment authorizations.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** This would allow people who are legally in the U.S. to better integrate into their communities. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB1157](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern (D)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to the issuance of professional and occupational licenses to certain individuals with federal employment authorizations.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** This would allow people who are legally in the U.S. to better integrate into their communities. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 01/15/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

**Advance Social and Economic Justice for All**

## Child Care Tax Credit

**Original Bill:** [HB2409](#) **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

**MCC 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." 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/23/2026 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative

**Original Bill:** [SB1678](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Kurtis Gregory (R)

**Description:** Authorizes tax credits for child care.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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." 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/18/2026 S - Introduced and Read First Time

## Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

**Original Bill:** [HB2751](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to public safety.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/23/2026 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative

**Original Bill:** [HB2835](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

**Description:** Allows offenders to access supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB1401](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

**Original Bill:** [SB1680](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/19/2026 S - Introduced and Read First Time

## Medicaid Work Requirements

**Original Bill:** [SJR103](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Carter (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/11/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

**Original Bill:** [SJR108](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to work requirements for MO HealthNet.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/05/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

## Removal of Sales Tax for Groceries

**Original Bill:** [SB1017](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

**Description:** Authorizes a state sales tax exemption for food.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Removing the tax on groceries will help ease the burden of rising food costs for families. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/25/2026 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

**Original Bill:** [SB1656](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

**Description:** Authorizes a state sales tax exemption for food.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Removing the tax on groceries will help ease the burden of rising food costs for families. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/12/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

## Uphold and Strengthen Marriage and Family

## Age Verification for Adult Content

**Original Bill:** [HB1839](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sherri Gallick (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/25/2026 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 02/26/2026, 9:00 AM - House-Rules-Administrative, HR 4

**Original Bill:** [HB1878](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Renee Reuter (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-General Laws

**Original Bill:** [HB2921](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Melissa Schmidt (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 1839

**Original Bill:** [HB3015](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Farnan (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 1839

**Original Bill:** [SB1346](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Carter (R)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to age verification on adult websites.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

**Original Bill:** [SB1412](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to age verification on adult websites.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/05/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

**Original Bill:** [SB901](#)     **Amended Bill:**     **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Henderson (R)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to age verification on adult websites.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/25/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-General Laws

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## AI Deepfakes

**Original Bill:** [HB2361](#)     **Amended Bill:**     **Sponsor:** Rep. Melissa Schmidt (R)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to altered sexual depictions.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Modern technology provides the unprecedented ability for individuals to create an altered sexual depiction of individuals without their consent. This would allow individuals with nonconsensual AI-generated "deepfakes" to sue for damages. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 02/26/2026 H - Superseded by HB 1887

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## AI-generated Pornography

**Original Bill:** [HB1689](#)     **Amended Bill:**     **Sponsor:** Rep. Scott Cupps (R)

**Description:** Modifies certain provisions to include artificially generated visual depictions of a minor.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Modern technology provides the unprecedented ability for individuals to create child sexual abuse material. This would update our law to better address a new way of producing this material. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2035](#)     **Amended Bill:**     **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Farnan (R)

**Description:** Establishes and modifies provisions relating to artificially generated material.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Modern technology provides the unprecedented ability for individuals to create child sexual abuse material. This would update our law to better address a new way of producing this material. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/26/2026 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted - House-Emerging Issues

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**Original Bill:** [HB2350](#)     **Amended Bill:**     **Sponsor:** Rep. Sherri Gallick (R)

**Description:** Modifies certain provisions to include artificially generated visual depictions of a minor.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Modern technology provides the unprecedented ability for individuals to create child sexual abuse material. This would update our law to better address a new way of producing this material. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/26/2026 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted - House-Emerging Issues

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**Original Bill:** [HB2529](#)     **Amended Bill:**     **Sponsor:** Rep. Anthony Ealy (D)

**Description:** Modifies certain provisions to include artificially generated visual depictions of a minor.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Modern technology provides the unprecedented ability for individuals to create child sexual abuse material. This would update our law to better address a new way of producing this material. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB3063](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Holly Jones (R)

**Description:** Modifies and establishes provisions relating to sexual offenses.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Modern technology provides the unprecedented ability for individuals to create child sexual abuse material. This would update our law to better address a new way of producing this material. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 H - Read Second Time

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## Defining Sex as Male and Female

**Original Bill:** [HB1779](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Cathy Jo Loy (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Defining SEX Act".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, interpreting sex discrimination to include sexual orientation and gender identity would have potentially negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill makes clear that the definition of sex does not include sexual orientation and gender identity. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2526](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Becky Laubinger (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions on sex-related classifications.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, interpreting sex discrimination to include sexual orientation and gender identity would have potentially negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill makes clear that the definition of sex does not include sexual orientation and gender identity. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB3425](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

**Description:** Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, interpreting sex discrimination to include sexual orientation and gender identity would have potentially negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/26/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB1204](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Adam Schnelting (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to prohibited discriminatory practices.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, interpreting sex discrimination to include sexual orientation and gender identity would have potentially negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill makes clear that the definition of sex does not include sexual orientation and gender identity. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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## Expands Protections to Prevent Minors from Accessing Adult Materials

**Original Bill:** [SB1280](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

**Description:** Creates and modifies provisions relating to access to pornographic materials.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Expands protections to prevent minors from accessing pornography on public computers or digital libraries. Restricting access to adult content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 0/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/26/2026 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/03/2026, 8:00 AM - Senate-Education, Senate Lounge

## Gender Reassignment Treatment Ban

**Original Bill:** [HB1608](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Hardy Billington (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures to minors.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/28/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2033

**Original Bill:** [HB1672](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures to minors.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/28/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2033

**Original Bill:** [HB1854](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Gragg (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures to minors.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/28/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2033

**Original Bill:** [HB2033](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Melissa Schmidt (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures to minors.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/17/2026 S - Reported to the Senate and read first time

**Original Bill:** [SB1200](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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**Original Bill:** [SB1264](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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**Original Bill:** [SB861](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to gender transition to minors.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/28/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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## Missouri Fatherhood Project

**Original Bill:** [HB1948](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Gragg (R)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to fatherhood engagement.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support assisting fathers in reconnecting with their families and children. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/25/2026 H - Perfected

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## Paid Leave for Adoption/Fostering

**Original Bill:** [HB2826](#) **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:** Support

**MCC Statement:** It is pro-life to support families as they welcome new life and care for one another in their most vulnerable periods. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB3226](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bridget Walsh Moore (D)

**Description:** Creates the "Missouri Earned Family and Medical Leave Act".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** It is pro-life to support families as they welcome new life and care for one another in their most vulnerable periods. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/05/2026 H - Introduced and Read First Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB1614](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

**Description:** Creates the Missouri Earned Family and Medical Leave Act.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** It is pro-life to support families as they welcome new life and care for one another in their most vulnerable periods. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/12/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

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## Re-defining Marriage in Missouri

**Original Bill:** [HB2066](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

**Description:** Repeals provisions prohibiting same sex marriages.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** "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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HJR127](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment providing that marriage exists only between individuals who are eighteen years of age or older.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** "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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HJR166](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Burton (D)

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment that changes a valid marriage from a marriage between a man and a woman to two persons regardless of their genders.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** "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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/15/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ken Jamison (D)

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment that changes a valid marriage from a marriage between a man and a woman to two persons regardless of their genders.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** "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) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/11/2026 H - Read Second Time

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## Repeals SAFE Act

**Original Bill:** [HB2065](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

**Description:** Repeals provisions relating to gender transition procedures.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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## Sex Separated Sports

**Original Bill:** [HB1607](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Hardy Billington (R)

**Description:** Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/28/2026 H - Superseded by HB 1663

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**Original Bill:** [HB1663](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

**Description:** Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/26/2026 H - Laid out for consideration

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**Original Bill:** [HB1973](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bennie Cook (R)

**Description:** Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/28/2026 H - Superseded by HB 1663

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**Original Bill:** [HB2565](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Myers (R)

**Description:** Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB2973](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Lisa Durnell (R)

**Description:** Modifies guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/15/2026 H - Read Second Time

## Defend Religious Liberty

### Breaching the Seal of the Confessional

**Original Bill:** [HB2340](#) **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 clergy person.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

### Immunity for Disclosure of Abuse by Employees

**Original Bill:** [HB3326](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Don Mayhew (R)

**Description:** Provides immunity from civil liability for disclosures by a charitable organization of allegations of sexual misconduct.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 02/18/2026 H - Read Second Time

### Religious Liberty/Infringements

**Original Bill:** [SB1218](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

**Original Bill:** [SB1633](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/12/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

## Support Educational Opportunities

### Education Choice

**Original Bill:** [SB1314](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

**Description:** Authorizes parents to choose the school that their children attend.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Legislation assists parents in choosing a school for their child that corresponds to their own moral convictions. (*Catechism*, par. 2229) 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Education

## Reform Criminal Justice

### Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

**Original Bill:** [HB2141](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Davis (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2186](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2259](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jo Doll (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2348](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Raychel Proudie (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [HB2876](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/12/2026 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB1186](#) **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

**MCC Statement:** Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

## Early Parole/Older Inmates

**Original Bill:** [SB1226](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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." 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

**Original Bill:** [SB1335](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to parole eligibility.

**Position:** Support

**MCC 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." 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

## Expanding Mandatory Minimums

**Original Bill:** [HB2880](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bennie Cook (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas, 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. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/12/2026 H - Read Second Time

## Expungement

**Original Bill:** [HB2047](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marlene Terry (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to expungement.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2747

**Original Bill:** [HB2747](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bishop Davidson (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to proceedings resulting from criminal conduct.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/26/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Fiscal Review

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**Original Bill:** [HB2954](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marty Joe Murray (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to expungement.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/14/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB1494](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

**Description:** Establishes procedures for the automatic expungement of certain criminal offenses.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/18/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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**Original Bill:** [SB854](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to expungement.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/18/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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## Extending Protections for Juvenile LWOP Offenders

**Original Bill:** [HB1620](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bruce Sassmann (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to the sentencing of persons under nineteen years of age.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The U.S. Bishops have stated: "We bishops cannot support policies that treat young offenders as though they are adults...society must never respond to children who have committed crimes as though they are adults - fully formed in conscience and fully aware of their actions." 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/08/2026 H - Read Second Time

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## Good Time Credit

**Original Bill:** [HB2695](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Gragg (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to credit earned by offenders committed to the department of corrections.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Certain inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2751

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**Original Bill:** [HB2831](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to good time credit.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Certain inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2751

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**Original Bill:** [SB1074](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to criminal sentencing, including compliance and good-time credits.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Certain inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/15/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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### Providing ID to Inmates Prior to Release

**Original Bill:** [HB2302](#) **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

**MCC Statement:** Support providing identification documents to help an individual reintegrate back into society. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 02/23/2026 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Administrative

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### Wrongful Convictions/Compensation

**Original Bill:** [HB2966](#) **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:** Support

**MCC Statement:** As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/15/2026 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB1170](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to compensation for wrongful convictions.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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