

MCC Positions and Progress Report

MCC position bills pending in 2026 Missouri General Assembly ~ 4/24/2026

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: 04/09/2026 H - Superseded by HB 3434

Original Bill: [HB3434](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 3434, 3460 & 2628 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cecelie Williams (R)

Description: Creates and modifies provisions related to statewide sexual assault response.

Position: Oppose in part

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: 04/09/2026 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted - House-Crime and Public Safety

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

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

Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

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

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.295 provides \$12.93 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support Section 11.295 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) 03/20/26

Last Action: 04/23/2026 S - Senate refuses to recede - grants conference

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Original Bill: [HB1667](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1667 & 2294 **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: 04/20/2026 H - Voted Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative

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

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

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: 03/10/2026 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

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: 03/09/2026 H - Public hearing completed - House-Corrections and Public Institutions

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: 04/16/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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: 04/21/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

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: 04/16/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

Original Bill: [HB2751](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 2751, 2831 & 2695 **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: 04/13/2026 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

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: 04/16/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Housing Trust Fund

Original Bill: [HB2830](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Changes a user fee collected by recorders of deeds for the Missouri housing trust fund from three dollars to nine dollars. This fee has not been increased since it was established in the early 1990's.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Providing additional housing assistance to those who need it is consistent with Catholic Social Teaching that housing is a fundamental right. 03/20/26

Last Action: 04/13/2026 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

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

Show-Me Healthy Babies

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

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.830 provides \$148 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: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support Section 11.830 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. 03/20/26

Last Action: 04/23/2026 S - Senate refuses to recede - grants conference

Uphold and Strengthen Marriage and Family

Age Verification for Pornographic Content

Original Bill: [HB1839](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1839, 2921 & 3015 **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 pornographic content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to pornographic content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/16/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Fiscal Oversight

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 pornographic content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to pornographic content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/30/26

Last Action: 03/11/2026 H - Not heard in 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 pornographic content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to pornographic 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 pornographic content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to pornographic 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 pornographic content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to pornographic 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 pornographic content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to pornographic 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 pornographic content for both adults and minors. Restricting access to pornographic content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/30/26

Last Action: 03/25/2026 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-General Laws

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

Original Bill: [HB2035](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 2035 & 2350 **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: 04/08/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

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

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

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

Banning AI Deepfakes

Original Bill: [HB1887](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1887, 2361, 1913, 2862 & 2321 **Sponsor:** Rep. Wendy Hausman (R)

Description: Creates the offense of and civil penalties for disclosure of intimate digital 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: 04/21/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

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

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. 01/30/26

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

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. 01/30/26

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

Original Bill: [HB2536](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 2536 **Sponsor:** Rep. Becky Laubinger (R)

Description: Establishes definitions and provisions for the protection of women.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: This bill provides definitions for "female," "male," and "sex" that are grounded in biology and a sound understanding of human nature. It also protects safety and privacy in sex-specific spaces that, by their nature, should not be shared with members of the opposite sex, and helps preserve fairness and safety for female athletes participating in interscholastic sports. 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/21/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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

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. 01/30/26

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

Expands Protections to Prevent Minors from Accessing Pornographic 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 pornographic content will help keep this offensive and damaging material from reaching children. 01/30/26

Last Action: 03/03/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Education

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. “[I]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. “[I]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. “[I]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:** HCS HBs 2033, 1608, 1672 & 1854 **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. “[I]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: 04/08/2026 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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

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

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: 04/08/2026 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative

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

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.200 provide \$1.25 million for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support Section 11.200 that provides funds for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program, which encourages stronger marriages and assists absent fathers in reconnecting with their families and children. 03/20/26

Last Action: 04/23/2026 S - Senate refuses to recede - grants conference

Missouri Fathership Project

Original Bill: [HB1948](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1948 **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: 04/15/2026 S - Voted Do Not Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

No Right to Possess and Distribute Child Pornography

Original Bill: [SJR85](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Description: If approved by voters, creates provisions relating to the offenses of distribution of child pornography or criminal racketeering in the violation of federal laws.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Clearly establishes that there is no constitutional right to create and distribute child pornography. 03/20/26

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

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

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: 02/09/2026 H - Read Second Time

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sex Separated Spaces

Original Bill: [HB1893](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1893 **Sponsor:** Rep. Wendy Hausman (R)

Description: Establishes immunity from civil liability for certain actions taken by private schools related to access to restrooms or changing areas.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support as it would protect the right of private schools to establish sex separated spaces to ensure that fundamental safety and privacy standards for both men and women are guaranteed in certain spaces. 04/17/26

Last Action: 03/16/2026 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB2075](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brandon Phelps (R)

Description: Establishes provisions for restroom designations in all public buildings.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support as it would ensure that fundamental safety and privacy standards for both men and women are guaranteed in certain spaces that, because of their nature, should not be shared with persons of the opposite sex. 04/17/26

Last Action: 03/16/2026 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB1558](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Henderson (R)

Description: Provides that private schools shall not be civilly liable for establishing single-sex restrooms and changing rooms.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support as it would protect the right of private schools to establish sex separated spaces to ensure that fundamental safety and privacy standards for both men and women are guaranteed in certain spaces. 04/17/26

Last Action: 03/31/2026 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Education

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

Original Bill: [HB1663](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1663, 1607 & 1973 **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: 04/23/2026 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 04/28/2026, 8:00 AM - Senate-Education, Senate Lounge

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

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

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

ESA Funding

Original Bill: [HB2012](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 2012 **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the State Treasurer. Section 12.190 provides \$60 million to the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Fund.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support funding to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 03/20/26

Last Action: 04/23/2026 S - Senate refuses to recede - grants conference

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

Original Bill: [SB1681](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (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: 04/16/2026 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:** HCS HBs 2747 & 2047 **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: 04/15/2026 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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

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: 03/25/2026 S - Superseded by SB 854

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: 03/25/2026 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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

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

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

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

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: Providing identification documents would help an individual reintegrate back into society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/22/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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

