

MCC Positions and Progress Report

MCC position bills pending in 2025 Missouri General Assembly ~ 3/21/2025

Protect Human Life

Abortion Drug Mandate

Original Bill: [HB979](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (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) 02/19/25

Last Action: 01/23/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB628](#) **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) 02/19/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Abortion Funding/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB10](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, and several divisions and programs. Section 10.780 prohibits funding for abortion services and abortion agencies.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/24/2025, 10:30 AM - House-Budget, HR 3

Abortion on Demand

Original Bill: [HB581](#) **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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB241](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

Description: Repeals provisions of law relating to abortion.

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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/03/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

Alkaline Hydrolysis

Original Bill: [HB612](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

Original Bill: [HB11](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.285 provides \$12.66 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support Section 11.285 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) 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/24/2025, 10:30 AM - House-Budget, HR 3

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Original Bill: [HB1119](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/19/2025 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted - House-Health and Mental Health

Original Bill: [HB195](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 195 & 1119 **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/06/2025 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative

Original Bill: [SB702](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/12/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

Death Penalty Repeal

Original Bill: [HB118](#) **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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB843](#) **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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/13/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB994](#) **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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/23/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB465](#) **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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Domestic Violence/Protection

Original Bill: [HB904](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/16/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB91](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms.

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/16/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Expanding the Death Penalty

Original Bill: [SB196](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Description: Establishes the penalty of death for certain sexual offenses.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2267) 02/19/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Reported Do Pass - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Heartbeat

Original Bill: [HB194](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

Description: Prohibits abortions following the detection of a fetal heartbeat and modifies provisions relating to the rights of unborn children.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Legal Protection for In Vitro Fertilization

Original Bill: [HB1004](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Allen (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to in vitro fertilization procedures.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: In vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalizes the act of creating a child, and requires the harvesting of human eggs and the artificial storage of human embryos, denying them maternal reception and gestation. IVF also often results in the destruction of excess embryos through selective reduction after implantation (a form of abortion), or destruction for use in human embryonic stem cell research. (*Dignitas Personae*, par. 18) 02/19/25

Last Action: 01/23/2025 H - Read Second Time

No Right to Abortion in Constitution

Original Bill: [HJR14](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HJR9](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Justin Sparks (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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SJR8](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Description: Defines person in relation to the equal protection of laws.

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/05/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Prohibiting Use of Aborted Fetal Tissue for Research

Original Bill: [HB1246](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Becky Laubinger (R)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The remains of deceased human beings should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of the cause of death. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/11/2025 H - Public hearing completed - House-Health and Mental Health

Protect Human Life/Tax Credits

Original Bill: [SJR17](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/06/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

Repeal Pro-life Laws

Original Bill: [HB1304](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ashley Aune (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB696](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/11/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

Repeals Amendment 3

Original Bill: [HJR54](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Melanie Stinnett (R)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment establishing provisions relating to reproductive health care.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The MCC supports 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/04/2025 H - Public hearing completed - House-Children and Families

Original Bill: [SJR33](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Adam Schnelting (R)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to reproductive health care.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The MCC supports 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/05/2025 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Original Bill: [SJR55](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The MCC supports 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/03/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Safe Place for Newborns

Original Bill: [HB121](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jim Murphy (R)

Description: Establishes the "Safe Place for Newborns Fund" for the installation of newborn safety incubators.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Safe baby boxes provide a safe, anonymous, and legal alternative to the state's existing abandonment law. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Shackling of Pregnant Offenders/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB1090](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Establishes certain protections for pregnant offenders.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Missouri law restricting the shackling of pregnant offenders does not currently apply to counties and municipalities. Shackling pregnant offenders demeans the dignity of the human person and can place the health of pregnant women and their unborn children at risk, and the Missouri law should be applied on a state-wide basis. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/29/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB916](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

Description: Establishes certain protections for pregnant offenders.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Missouri law restricting the shackling of pregnant offenders does not currently apply to counties and municipalities. Shackling pregnant offenders demeans the dignity of the human person and can place the health of pregnant women and their unborn children at risk, and the Missouri law should be applied on a state-wide basis. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Administrative

Welcome and Accompany Immigrants and Refugees

Missouri Illegal Alien Certified Bounty Hunter Program

Original Bill: [SB480](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. David Gregory (R)

Description: Creates criminal procedure provisions regarding the offense of trespass by an illegal alien. Legislation only goes into effect if SB 72 passes.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: Bill details some aspects of the Offense of Trespass by an Illegal Alien as created in SB 72. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/27/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Original Bill: [SB72](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. David Gregory (R)

Description: Creates the offense of trespass by an illegal alien, which would make any undocumented immigrant who is apprehended by a bounty hunter or peace officer guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment without eligibility for probation or parole. The bill also implements the "Missouri Illegal Alien Certified Bounty Hunter Program", which would certify applicants to be bounty hunters for the purpose of finding and detaining illegal aliens in the state. Additionally, the bill mandates an information system for people to report illegal aliens (toll-free telephone hotline, email, and online portal), rewarding them with \$1,000 for every person who is arrested.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: Bill would incentivize citizens to potentially profile and report immigrants to authorities. Also subjects an individual to life in prison for merely being undocumented in the state. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/27/2025 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Modifies Fees/Expenses for Interpreter or Translator

Original Bill: [HB182](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Cameron Parker (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to fees and expenses for an interpreter or translator in certain proceedings.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Currently, translator's fees and expenses in a criminal case are paid by the state. This bill allows such fees and expenses in any civil, juvenile, or criminal proceeding to be paid by the State so that individuals understand their rights. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/25/2025, 9:00 AM - House-Rules-Administrative, HR 4

Offense of Concealment or Inducement of an Illegal Alien

Original Bill: [SB114](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Description: Creates the offense of concealment or inducement of an illegal 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 type of bill has also been used to attack charities that provide food and shelter to migrants in other states. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/23/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Offense of Trespass/Improper Entry by an Alien

Original Bill: [HB540](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Richard West (R)

Description: Creates the offense of trespass by an illegal 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/16/2025 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB137](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/23/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Original Bill: [SB282](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Original Bill: [SB58](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 58 **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Carter (R)

Description: Creates the offenses of "improper entry by an alien" and "aggravated illegal presence".

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/10/2025 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Child Care Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB215](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Aaron Crossley (D)

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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB269](#) **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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

Original Bill: [SB455](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lincoln Hough (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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/11/2025 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

Diaper Bank Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB1522](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Becky Laubinger (R)

Description: Modifies provisions of the diaper bank tax credit.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Supporting diaper banks will help families who lack access to items essential to the health and well-being of children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 03/21/25

Last Action: 02/28/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB647](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

Description: Modifies provisions of the diaper bank tax credit.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Supporting diaper banks will help families who lack access to items essential to the health and well-being of children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 03/21/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

Original Bill: [HB320](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bryant Wolfin (R)

Description: Modifies provisions for public assistance 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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB730](#) **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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB827](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

Description: Modifies provisions for public assistance 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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/10/2025 H - Read Second Time

Medicaid Work Requirements

Original Bill: [SJR43](#) **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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/05/2025 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Removal of Sales Tax for Diapers/Feminine Hygiene Products

Original Bill: [HB472](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jo Doll (D)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB496](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern (D)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/27/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

Original Bill: [SB57](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to sales tax exemptions.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/26/2025 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

Original Bill: [SB671](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. David Gregory (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax incentives for certain hygiene products.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB95](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax incentives for certain hygiene products.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/12/2025 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB11](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.830 provides \$113 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. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/24/2025, 10:30 AM - House-Budget, HR 3

Solutions for Food Deserts

Original Bill: [HB1520](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Dane Diehl (R)

Description: Modifies provisions of the urban farm tax credit to include certain specialty crop farms located in a food desert and establishes a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: This legislation offers an incentive for grocery stores to establish retail stores in underserved areas, helping to alleviate "food deserts" where fresh foods are in limited supply. Part of sharing our abundance with those in need. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/28/2025 H - Read Second Time

Uphold and Strengthen Marriage and Family

Age Verification for Adult Content

Original Bill: [HB236](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/05/2025 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [HB691](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mazzie Christensen (R)

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

Position: 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB527](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Carter (R)

Description: Creates new provisions relating to 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/27/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

Gender Reassignment Treatment Ban

Original Bill: [HB1016](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures.

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/11/2025 H - Superseded by HB 35 - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB1038](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Gragg (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures.

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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/11/2025 H - Superseded by HB 35 - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB1081](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ben Baker (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures.

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/11/2025 H - Superseded by HB 35 - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB35](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Hardy Billington (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to gender transition procedures.

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/27/2025 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative

Original Bill: [SB249](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

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

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

Original Bill: [SB26](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to gender transition.

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/13/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

Original Bill: [SB493](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

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

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/27/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Original Bill: [SB75](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

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

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/13/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative

Original Bill: [HB11](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.185 and Section 11.280 provide \$3.5 million for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support Section 11.185 and Section 11.280 that provide funds for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program, which encourages stronger marriages and assists absent fathers in reconnecting with their families and children. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/24/2025, 10:30 AM - House-Budget, HR 3

Missouri Fathership Project

Original Bill: [HB927](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Gragg (R)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to fathership.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support assisting fathers in reconnecting with their families and children. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/25/2025, 8:00 AM - ** REVISED to ADD HB1376 ** - House-Children and Families, HR 6

Paid Leave for Adoption/Fostering

Original Bill: [HB473](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Planned Parenthood Sex Ed

Original Bill: [HB429](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

Description: Requires school districts to provide "period products" at no cost in middle schools and high schools and charter schools and repeals provisions prohibiting abortion services providers from providing instruction on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

Position: Oppose in part

MCC Statement: This legislation removes the prohibition on Planned Parenthood providing sexual education materials for schools. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Re-defining Marriage in Missouri Statutes

Original Bill: [HB1459](#) **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) 02/19/25

Last Action: 02/26/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HJR70](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Burton (D)

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

Position: 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) 02/19/25

Last Action: 01/27/2025 H - Read Second Time

Repeals SAFE Act

Original Bill: [HB1275](#) **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. "[...]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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/12/2025 H - Read Second Time

Sex Separated Sports

Original Bill: [HB113](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/27/2025 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative

Original Bill: [HB1354](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/19/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB36](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/19/2025 H - Superseded by HB 113

Original Bill: [HB624](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/19/2025 H - Superseded by HB 113

Original Bill: [SB10](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lincoln Hough (R)

Description: Modifies expiration dates of certain sections.

Position: Support in part

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/28/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB595](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jamie Burger (R)

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

Position: 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Education

Original Bill: [SJR57](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to gender.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: This constitutional amendment 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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/03/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Zero Cost Adoption Fund

Original Bill: [HB1012](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Christ (R)

Description: Establishes the "Zero-Cost Adoption Fund Act" which establishes a fund to offset costs associated with adoption and a tax credit for any person who contributes to the fund.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support as a means of encouraging families to adopt children in need of a home. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/25/2025, 8:00 AM - ** REVISED to ADD HB1376 ** - House-Children and Families, HR 6

Original Bill: [HB1376](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Melissa Schmidt (R)

Description: Establishes the "Zero-Cost Adoption Fund Act" which establishes a fund to offset costs associated with adoption and a tax credit for any person who contributes to the fund.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support as a means of encouraging families to adopt children in need of a home. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/14/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/25/2025, 8:00 AM - ** REVISED to ADD HB1376 ** - House-Children and Families, HR 6

Defend Religious Liberty

Breaching the Seal of the Confessional

Original Bill: [HB286](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Church Space/Gun Regulations

Original Bill: [SB77](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Adam Schnelting (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the carrying of firearms on public transit systems.

Position: Oppose in part

MCC Statement: Provision of bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/12/2025 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Defining Sex as Male and Female

Original Bill: [SB76](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Adam Schnelting (R)

Description: Modifies provision 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. 02/19/25

Last Action: 02/13/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

Immunity for Disclosure of Abuse by Employees

Original Bill: [HB753](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/06/2025 H - Referred to committee - House-General Laws

Original Bill: [SB706](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Provides liability protections for charitable organizations making good faith disclosures of sexual abuse.

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

Religious Liberty Protections/Campus Organizations

Original Bill: [HB875](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Darin Chappell (R)

Description: Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against religious, political, or ideological associations.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against and denied access to campus resources based on their religious beliefs or practices. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Local Government, Elections, and Pensions

Original Bill: [SB160](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against religious, political, or ideological associations.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against and denied access to campus resources based on their religious beliefs or practices. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/10/2025 H - Read Second Time

Religious Liberty/Infringements

Original Bill: [HB1460](#) **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, 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. 02/19/25

Last Action: 02/26/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB608](#) **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. 02/19/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Original Bill: [SB732](#) **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. 02/19/25

Last Action: 02/19/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

Support Educational Opportunities

Education Choice

Original Bill: [SB572](#) **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) 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Education

Empowerment Scholarships

Original Bill: [HB519](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Matthiesen (R)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children in need of alternative educational opportunities. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/19/2025 H - Referred to committee - House-Elementary and Secondary Education

Removal of Sales Tax for Diapers/Feminine Hygiene Products

Original Bill: [SB819](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: By removing the tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products, this will help families afford items essential to the health and well-being of women and children. This is part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/27/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

Reform Criminal Justice

Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

Original Bill: [HB1134](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/03/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB452](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB894](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/16/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB225](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/10/2025 S - Reported Do Pass - Senate-General Laws

Early Parole/Older Inmates

Original Bill: [SB234](#) **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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/03/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB341](#) **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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB438](#) **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." 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Expungement

Original Bill: [HB1234](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/10/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB953](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 03/13/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 03/25/2025, 8:00 AM - House-Economic Development, HR 1

Original Bill: [SB19](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/29/2025 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB424](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB435](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Good Time Credit

Original Bill: [HB728](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to good time credit.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/12/2025 H - Voted Do Pass - House-Crime and Public Safety

Wrongful Convictions/Compensation

Original Bill: [HB254](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB36](#) **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. 01/17/25

Last Action: 01/29/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB377](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/17/25

Last Action: 02/17/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence
