

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Child Care Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB2409](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brenda Shields (R)

Description: Authorizes the "Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act", the "Employer-Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act", and the "Child Care Providers Tax Credit", relating to tax credits for child care.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 01/30/26

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

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

Description: Authorizes tax credits for child care.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 01/30/26

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

Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

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

Description: Modifies provisions relating to public safety.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

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

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

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

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

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

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

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

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

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

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

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

Medicaid Work Requirements

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

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/30/26

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

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

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

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/30/26

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

Removal of Sales Tax for Groceries

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

Description: Authorizes a state sales tax exemption for food.

Position: Support

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

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

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

Description: Authorizes a state sales tax exemption for food.

Position: Support

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

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