

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: [HB483](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Wendy Hausman (R)

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

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: 01/16/2025 H - Referred to committee - House-Professional Registration and Licensing

Original Bill: [HB633](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Boyko (D)

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

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: [HB648](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

Description: Reduces the tax on 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: [HB935](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Stephanie Hein (D)

Description: Authorizes sales tax exemptions for diapers and infant formula.

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: 01/21/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB955](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Pattie Mansur (D)

Description: Authorizes a state sales tax exemption for the purchase of diapers, incontinence products, 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: 01/22/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB37](#) **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: 03/05/2025 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

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: [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

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 lowering 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
