

MCC Bill Tracker

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
Anti-Abortion					
Abortion/Data Reporting					
HB 1546	HCS HB 1546	Harris-110	Changes the requirements for reporting abortions to the Department of Health and Senior Services.	Support: Collecting better information on why women have abortions will enable more effective alternative to abortion responses. 01/15/10	03-24-10 H Voted do pass as substitute from committee on House-SC on Children and Families
Abortion-Human Cloning/Public Funding Ban					
HJR 49		Davis	Proposes a constitutional amendment establishing the Missouri Taxpayer Protection Initiative which prohibits state funds from being expended for human cloning, other unethical research, and abortion services.	Support: The MCC supports a prohibition on the public funding of abortion, human cloning or other unethical life science experiments. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time
Alternatives to Abortion					
HB 2010	CCS SCS HCS HB 2010	Icet	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, section 10.655 includes \$1.7 million for Alternatives to Abortion services, which is 90% of what was funded last year (\$1.9 million). Catholic Charities agencies provide alternative to abortion services under contract with the state of Missouri. HB 2010 is the appropriation bill for the Department of Mental Health, Board of Public Buildings, and Department of Health and Senior Services.	Support: Offering Alternatives to Abortion services supports women in crisis pregnancies and protects unborn children. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion.	04-28-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Conscience Coercion/Pharmacies					
HB 1961		Newman	Requires pharmacies to fill valid and lawful prescriptions for all federal Food and Drug Administration-approved drugs or devices to prevent pregnancy, including emergency contraceptives, without delay.	Oppose: This legislation violates the rights of pharmacies. "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (Evangelium Vitae) 02/05/10	02-04-10 H Read second time

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Conscience Rights/Pharmacies					
HB 1365	HCS HB 1365	Emery	Specifies that no pharmacy can be required to perform, assist, recommend, refer to, or participate in any act or service resulting in an abortion and it will be immune from liability for refusing to do so.	Support: Legislation protects the rights of conscience of pharmacies. "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (Evangelium Vitae). 01/15/10	03-24-10 H Voted do pass as substitute from committee on House-SC on Children and Families
SB 754	HCS SCS SB 754	Dempsey	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, deleted a provision in an earlier version of the legislation providing conscience protection for pharmacies, i.e. allowing them not to prescribe the morning after contraceptive.	Support: Legislation protects the rights of conscience of pharmacies. "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (Evangelium Vitae). 01/15/10	05-14-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Emergency Contraceptives/Hospital Mandate					
HB 1914		Oxford	Establishes the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act which allows hospitals and health care facilities to provide emergency contraception to sexual assault victims.	Oppose: Legislation violates religious liberty and promotes emergency contraceptives, which can cause abortions. "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (Evangelium Vitae) 02/05/10	02-03-10 H Read second time
SB 1010		Bray	Establishes the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies Act.	Oppose: Legislation violates religious liberty and promotes emergency contraceptives which can cause abortions. 02/05/10	03-04-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Health/Mental Health/Seniors& Families
Endangering Welfare of Unborn Child					
HB 1257		Smith-14	Allows criminal charges to be filed against a mother who intentionally used or ingested an illegal controlled substance while she was pregnant which resulted in harm to her unborn child.	Oppose: Legislation addresses issue in a punitive manner rather than offering rehabilitative assistance to women. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time

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ERA Ratification					
HCR 54		Talboy	Establishes Missouri's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.	Oppose: There are significant legal clouds over ERA: 1) The Congressional time limit for ratification has expired; 2) In some states the ERA has been interpreted to mandate taxpayer funding of abortion. The MCC opposes abortion and opposes taxpayer-funded abortions. 02/05/10	02-10-10 H Read second time
SCR 40		Justus	Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.	Oppose: There are significant legal clouds over ERA: 1) The Congressional time limit for ratification has expired; 2) In some states the ERA has been interpreted to mandate taxpayer funding of abortion. The MCC opposes abortion and opposes taxpayer-funded abortions. 02/05/10	01-25-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Rules,Joint Rules,Resolutions & Ethics

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Health Care Reform/Abortion Prohibition					
HB 1725	HCS HB 1725	Pollock	Prohibits health insurance exchanges established in Missouri from offering health insurance policies or optional riders that provide coverage for elective abortions. (Passed as part of SB 793.)	Support: Abortion - the killing of unborn children - is not health care. 01/15/10	04-30-10 H Set on the House Calendar
SB 747		Rupp	Prohibits health insurance exchanges established in Missouri from offering health insurance policies or optional riders that provide coverage for elective abortions. Provisions of SB 747 added to SB 793--the informed consent to abortion legislation. (Passed as part of SB 793.)	Support: Abortion -- the killing of unborn children -- is not health care. 01/15/10	03-30-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar
SB 793	SS SCS SB 793	Mayer	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, prohibits coverage for elective abortions in insurance exchanges created under federal health care reform law. Also includes numerous requirements regarding informed consent to abortion. (See Informed Consent/Abortion, SB 793)	Support: Abortion -- the killing of unborn children -- is not health care. 01/15/10	05-14-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

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<i>Informed Consent/Abortion</i>					
HB 1327	HCS HBs 1327 & 2000	Davis, Pratt	Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion. (Passed as part of SB 793.)	Support: Having an abortion kills an unborn child and risks the mother's physical and mental health. Many abortions could be avoided if women were given accurate information about the development of their unborn child and provided with the names of organizations that offer alternatives to abortion. 01/15/10	04-19-10 S Voted do pass as substitute from committee on Senate-Judiciary Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence
SB 792	SS Pending	Dempsey	Introduced bill related to abortion reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Senate Substitute added informed consent to abortion provisions to the legislation.	Support: Collecting better information on why women have abortions will enable more effective alternative to abortion responses. Having an abortion kills an unborn child and risks the mother's physical and mental health. Many abortions could be avoided if women were given accurate information about the development of their unborn child and provided with the names of organizations that offer alternatives to abortion. 01/15/10	03-18-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar

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SB 793	SS SCS SB 793	Mayer	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, enacts provisions regarding informed consent for abortions. Key provisions include: requiring an abortion provider to consult "in person" with a woman considering an abortion at least 24 hours before the abortion is performed; giving a woman considering an abortion an opportunity to view an ultrasound of her developing unborn child; providing women with information on pregnancy resource centers and other agencies that offer emergency housing, counseling, prenatal care and adoption services; requiring the Department of Health to maintain a toll-free, confidential, 24-hour hotline telephone number for callers to obtain regional information about alternative to abortion services; making women aware of the child support obligations of fathers under Missouri law; and, prohibiting a physician from performing an abortion unless the woman has certified in writing that she has been presented with the information on alternatives to abortion, ultrasound, etc.	Support: Having an abortion kills an unborn child and risks the mother's physical and mental health. Many abortions could be avoided if women were given accurate information about the development of their unborn child and provided with the names of organizations that offer alternatives to abortion. Physician consultation requirement should be restored. 01/15/10	05-14-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

Physician Consultation/Abortion

SB 754	HCS SCS SB 754	Dempsey	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, removes a provision found in an earlier version of the bill that disciplined physicians who failed to meet in person with the patient at least 24 hours prior to performing an abortion. SB 793, as Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, requires in-person visit with the woman by either the physician or qualified professional.	Support: Abortion providers should be required to follow standard medical practice. This would include the abortion doctor meeting at least 24 hours in advance with a woman considering an abortion.	05-14-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
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<i>Pregnancy Resource Center/Tax Credit</i>					
HB 2252	HB 2252 Third Reading	Faith	Reauthorizes the provisions regarding the tax credit for contributions to pregnancy resource centers and extends the expiration date until August 28, 2022.	Support: Reauthorizing this credit will enable pregnancy resource centers to attract donations that are used to assist women in crisis pregnancies to carry their unborn child to term. 03/19/10	05-11-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar
<i>Sex Education/Abortion Providers</i>					
HB 2232		Low	Changes the laws regarding sexual education, sexually transmitted infection therapies, pregnancy prevention, and the dispensing of prescriptions by pharmacies.	Oppose: Legislation subverts pro-life, pro-family focus of sex education currently authorized in Missouri law. 01/15/10	02-25-10 H Read second time
SB 696		Wright-Jones	Changes the laws regarding sexual education, abortion, and pregnancy prevention. Allows Planned Parenthood to provide sex education to high school students. Also filed as SB 982.	Oppose: Legislation subverts pro-life, pro-family focus of sex education currently authorized in Missouri law. 01/15/10	01-19-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Judiciary Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence

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Child/Family					
Adoption Records/Disclosure					
HB 1609	SS SCS HB 1609	Diehl	Omnibus judiciary bill. Senate Substitute included provisions relating to the disclosure of adoption records supported by the MCC.	Support: Provisions found in Senate Substitute respected MCC's basic position: providing birth records to adopted adults when the birth mother has been told this information shall not remain confidential once their child becomes an adult; not opening up adoption records when the birth mother has been promised that these records will be kept confidential. 01/15/10	05-10-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar
HB 1665		Corcoran	Allows adopted adults who are 18 years of age or older and adopted after August 28, 2010, to receive a certified copy of his or her original unaltered birth certificate and adoption records. HB 1907 proposed similar provisions.	Amend per position: The MCC supports providing birth records to adopted adults when the birth mother has been told this information shall not remain confidential once their child becomes an adult. The MCC prefers "adult" to be defined as age 21. The MCC opposes opening up adoption records when the birth mother has been promised that these records will be kept confidential. 01/15/10	01-19-10 H Read second time
SB 594	SCS SB 594	Days	Allows adopted persons eighteen and over to obtain copies of their original birth certificate under certain circumstances.	Amend per position: The MCC supports providing birth records to adopted adults when the birth mother has been told this information shall not remain confidential once their child becomes an adult. The MCC prefers "adult" to be defined as age 21. The MCC opposes opening up adoption records when the birth mother has been promised that these records will be kept confidential. 01/15/10	02-22-10 H Read second time

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Child Care Subsidies/Sliding Scale					
HB 2290	SS HB 2290	Wasson	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, an individual receiving state-funded child care assistance whose income surpasses the annual appropriation level may continue to receive reduced subsidy benefits on a sliding scale up to a set maximum.	Support: Legislation makes day care services more affordable for working parents. 01/15/10	05-13-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Foster Care Diversion Grants					
HB 2011	CCS SCS HCS HB 2011	Icet	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, section 11.215 provides \$24.3 million in federal and state funding for performance-based case management contracts. Catholic Charities agencies receive these contracts to keep families intact and out of the state's foster care system. \$800,000 was cut from this program from last year. HB 2011 is the appropriation bill for the Department of Social Services.	Support: MCC supports state contracts to Catholic Charities and other agencies that seek to keep families intact and out of the state's foster care system.	04-29-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Regulation of Sexually Oriented Businesses					
SB 586	HCS SS SCS SBs 586 & 617	Bartle	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, regulates sexually oriented businesses. Key provisions include: banning of sexually oriented businesses within 1000 feet of a preexisting school, day care, public park, residence or house of worship; prohibiting a person from knowingly appearing nude; preventing interaction between dancers and patrons; limiting access to sexually oriented businesses to patrons 18 years of age or older; prohibiting the sale of alcohol on the premises of sexually oriented businesses; and, requiring sexually oriented businesses to be closed between midnight and 6 a.m.	Support: The sex and pornographic industry destroys families and offends the morals of most Missourians. The MCC supports efforts to discourage the establishment and proliferation of sexually oriented businesses. 01/15/10	05-13-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

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Church Concerns					
<i>MCC Use of House Chamber</i>					
HR 116		Bruno	Grants the Missouri Catholic Conference permission to use the House Chamber and Hearing Rooms on Saturday, October 2, 2010, from 7 am to 7 pm. to hold an assembly and workshops.	Support:	01-26-10 H Adopted
<i>MCC Use of Senate Chamber</i>					
SR 1669		Vogel	Grants the Missouri Catholic Conference permission to use the Senate Chamber and the Senate Hearing Rooms from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2010, for the purpose of a citizens assembly and workshops.	Support:	02-18-10 S Adopted
<i>Sexual Orientation/Discrimination</i>					
HB 1850		Webber	Changes the laws regarding complaints filed with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and prohibits discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation.	Oppose: Legislation coerces individuals, organizations and churches to act against their conscience in employment, housing and other activities. It violates religious liberty. 01/15/10	04-01-10 H Voted do pass from committee on House-SC on Urban Issues
SB 626		Justus	Prohibits discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation.	Oppose: Legislation coerces individuals, organizations, and churches to act against their conscience in employment, housing and other activities. It violates religious liberty. 01/15/10	02-03-10 S Hearing conducted

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Corrections					
<i>Dept of Corrections/Grant Authority</i>					
HB 1785		McGhee	Authorizes the Department of Corrections to receive and disburse grants and federal funds.	Support: Increases the opportunity for Catholic agencies to obtain funds to conduct re-entry work with offenders. 02/05/10	01-25-10 H Read second time
<i>Dept of Corrections/Vocational Enterprise Program</i>					
SB 599		Ridgeway	Removes the requirement that state and public institutions purchase goods and services from the vocational enterprises program (MVE) within the Department of Corrections.	Oppose: This legislation would undermine the work of the Missouri Vocational Enterprise Program which helps offenders in their rehabilitation and re-entry into society. 02/05/10	02-08-10 S Hearing conducted

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Criminal Justice					
Compensation/Wrongful Imprisonment					
HB 1927		Low	Allows for the compensation of a person wrongfully convicted and imprisoned.	Support: As a matter of justice, people who have been wrongfully imprisoned deserve compensation and assistance in integrating back into society. 02/05/10	02-03-10 H Read second time
County Inmate Work and Service Program					
HB 1422		Franz	Allows money from the county law enforcement restitution fund to be used for county inmate work and service programs and limits the amount a county can assess an individual for certain offenses to \$10.	Support: Legislation gives inmates an opportunity to give back to the community and potentially earn reduced jail time. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time
Inmate Credit for Completing Treatment Programs					
SB 879		Schaefer	Provides certain offenders with credit for time served for successful completion of substance or alcohol abuse treatment within the Department of Corrections.	Support: The MCC supports community based solutions especially for non-violent offenders because a greater emphasis is placed on treatment and restoration for the criminal and restitution and healing for the victim. 03/19/10	02-04-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Judiciary Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence
Parole Reviews					
HB 1703		Lair	Changes the laws regarding the eligibility of certain offenders for parole.	Support: Our criminal justice system should allow for periodic reviews of the rehabilitative progress of an offender as part of consideration of a possible parole. Part of the Christian view that people can change and reform. 02/05/10	01-20-10 H Read second time
HB 1757		Burnett	Requires the Board of Probation and Parole to make periodic reviews of certain convicted offenders serving sentences of 50 years or life without the possibility of parole.	Support: Our criminal justice system should allow for periodic reviews of the rehabilitative progress of an offender as part of consideration of a possible parole. Part of the Christian view that people can change and reform. 02/05/10	01-25-10 H Read second time

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<i>Retroactive DNA Testing</i>					
SJR 20		Bartle	Creates an exception to the prohibition against laws retrospective in operation by allowing certain laws pertaining to DNA profiling analysis to be applied retrospectively.	Oppose: Retrospective laws damage the credibility and certainty of the criminal justice system. 01/15/10	05-06-10 S Reported do pass Senate-Gov. Accountability & Fiscal Oversight
<i>Shock Time/Felony Probationers</i>					
HB 1313		Curls	Requires the Department of Corrections to establish the Shock Time for Felony Probationers Program to give courts an alternative to imposing a sentence for nonviolent offenders who have violated their probation.	Support: Shock incarceration for probation violations reminds the offender to take the terms of parole seriously. This is a good alternative to sending the offender back to prison to serve out the complete sentence. 01/15/10	03-24-10 H Public hearing completed

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Death Penalty					
<i>Clemency Process</i>					
HB 1415		McGhee	Changes the law regarding clemency in death penalty cases.	Support: By establishing a more thorough review by the Board of Probation and Parole of capital cases the legislation may lead to pardons and reprieves that are appropriate but not granted under the present system. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time
<i>Death Penalty Repeal</i>					
SB 591		Bray	Eliminates the death penalty.	Support: "We cannot teach that killing is wrong by killing." (A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death, U.S. Catholic Bishops' Statement). Incarceration can protect the public. Part of the effort to create a culture that respects the sanctity and dignity of all human life. 01/15/10	01-13-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Judiciary Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence
<i>Death Penalty Study Commission/Moratorium</i>					
HB 1683		Deeken	Establishes the Commission on the Death Penalty and places a moratorium on all executions until January 1, 2013. HB 1870 proposed similar provisions.	Support: Creation of a commission on the death penalty will permit a careful study of all aspects of capital punishment, including how it contradicts respect for the sanctity and dignity of human life. 02/05/10	01-20-10 H Read second time
SB 930		Justus	Creates a death penalty commission and a moratorium on the death penalty until January 1, 2014.	Support: Creation of a commission on the death penalty will permit a careful study of all aspects of capital punishment, including how it contradicts respect for the sanctity and dignity of human life. 02/05/10	02-11-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Judiciary Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence

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Death Penalty/Death of Child					
HB 1685		LeVota	Revises the crime of murder in the first degree to include knowingly causing the death of a child younger than 18 years of age when a heinous element is involved in the commission of the crime.	Oppose: "We cannot teach that killing is wrong by killing." (A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death, U.S. Catholic Bishops) 02/05/10	01-20-10 H Read second time
Death Penalty/Fiscal Accountability					
HB 1413		McGhee	Limits the amount of aid the Attorney General may give in death penalty cases and establishes the Death Increment Fiscal Accountability Committee.	Support: By requiring greater fiscal accountability the legislation should discourage counties from pursuing capital murder cases that have little merit. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time
Economic Justice					
Payday Lending Regulation					
HB 2116		Still	Changes the laws regarding unsecured loans of \$500 or less, commonly known as payday loans.	Support: Payday lending exploits those least able to pay exorbitant interest rates. Like other states in the Midwest, Missouri should prohibit lenders from rolling over payday loans every two weeks. This practice puts people into deeper debt. 01/15/10	04-20-10 H Set on the House Calendar
SB 593		Days	Amends laws relating to unsecured loans of \$500 or less.	Support: Payday lending exploits those least able to pay exorbitant interest rates. Like other states in the Midwest, Missouri should prohibit lenders from rolling over payday loans every two weeks. This practice puts people deeper into debt. 01/15/10	01-13-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate- Financial/Gov. Org. and Elections

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Education					
Open Enrollment					
HB 1553		Schoeller	Establishes a procedure by which a school district may place the issue of open enrollment by contract before the voters of the district.	Support: Support the intent of this legislation to expand parental choices in education. 01/15/10	01-26-10 H Referred to House Committee on House-Elementary and Secondary Education
SB 603		Mayer	Creates procedures for open enrollment of public school students across school district boundary lines.	Support: Support the intent of this legislation to expand parental choices in education. 01/15/10	02-10-10 S Hearing conducted
Safe Schools					
HB 1543	CCS SS SCS HCS HB 1543	Wallace	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, an omnibus education bill. Reporting requirements between schools (public to public and public to private) found in an earlier version of the legislation was removed from the final bill.	Amend per position: Public safety policy should protect all school children. MCC amendment found in an earlier version of bill became unnecessary when the final bill removed all reporting requirements between schools (public to public and public to private). 01/15/10	05-14-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Special Needs Tax Credits					
SB 654		Crowell	Creates the Missouri Special Needs Scholarship Tax Credit Program.	Support: Legislation offers alternative education for special needs children not benefiting from public school instruction. The bill enhances the right of parents to choose the schooling most suited to meet the needs of their children. 01/15/10	01-13-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Gov. Accountability & Fiscal Oversight

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Student Work Certificates					
HB 1892	SCS HB 1892	Nasheed	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, allows the principal of a public or private school to issue a work certificate to a child younger than 16 years of age. Currently such work certificates are issued by the superintendent of the local public school district.	No position/Monitor:	05-13-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Tax Relief/Private School Parents					
HB 1240		Davis	Authorizes a state income tax deduction for tuition costs for any dependent of a resident taxpayer enrolled in any elementary or secondary school or postsecondary education institution in this state.	Support: By providing a state income tax deduction for school tuition, this legislation advances the right of parents to choose schooling for their children that accords with their convictions. Legislation should include tax relief and assistance to home school parents. 03/19/10	02-17-10 H Public hearing completed
HB 2146		Davis	Authorizes an individual income tax credit of up to \$1,000 for actual educational expenses paid for a taxpayer's dependent or up to \$2,000 if the dependent has special emotional and physical needs.	Support: By providing a state income tax credit for educational expenses, this legislation advances the right of parents to choose schooling for their children that accords with their convictions. Legislation should include tax relief and assistance to home school parents. 03/19/10	02-15-10 H Read second time
HB 2406		Scharnhorst	Authorizes an income tax deduction for tuition, attendance fees, and school supplies purchased for educating a dependent enrolled in a Missouri elementary or secondary school.	Support: By providing a state income tax deduction for school tuition, this legislation advances the right of parents to choose schooling for their children that accords with their convictions. Legislation should include tax relief for home school parents. 03/19/10	03-31-10 H Read second time

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Health					
Health Care Mandate Prohibited					
HB 1764	SS SCS HCS HB 1764	Diehl	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, prohibits any person, employer, or health care provider from being compelled to participate in any health care system. Individuals and employers may pay directly for lawful health care services, and health care providers can accept payment for health care services from individuals or employers without being subject to fines or penalties. The purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems cannot be prohibited by law or rule. The legislation includes a referendum clause and will be submitted to voters in August, 2010.	No position/Monitor:	05-11-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Health Coverage for Adoptees					
HB 1713	SS HB 1713	Sander	Requires all health insurance policies issued to Missouri residents after December 31, 2010, to include coverage for adopted children on the same basis as other dependents of the enrollee. (Passed as part of SB 583.)	Support: All children, including those adopted, should be treated equally in the provision of health coverage. 02/05/10	05-06-10 H Set on the House Calendar
SB 583	HCS SCS SB 583	Champion	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, an omnibus insurance regulation bill. Requires all health carriers or health benefit plans, except Missouri Medicaid plans, which are issued, delivered, continued, or renewed to a Missouri resident on or after January 1, 2011, to include coverage for adopted children on the same basis as other dependents of the enrollee. (Originally filed as HB 1713)	Support: All children, including those adopted, should be treated equally in the provision of health coverage. 02/05/10	05-13-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

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Health Insurance Pool					
HB 1964		Ervin	Changes the laws regarding the Missouri High Risk Health Insurance Pool. Allows more people to participate in the existing Missouri Health Insurance Pool.	Support: The Church has consistently taught that government has a duty to ensure that its citizens have access to affordable healthcare. The legislation is a step toward providing coverage to more Missourians. 03/19/10	03-04-10 H Voted do pass from committee on House-Healthcare Transformation

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In-Home Care Services					
HB 2010	CCS SCS HCS HB 2010	Icet	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, section 10.690 eliminates funding (\$6.4 million) for non-Medicaid clients currently receiving in-home care services. Funding for in-home care services for Medicaid clients remains the same as last fiscal year. Catholic Charities agencies provide in-home care services under contract with the state of Missouri. HB 2010 is the appropriation bill for the Department of Mental Health, Board of Public Buildings, and Department of Health and Senior Services.	Support: MCC supports adequate state reimbursements to Catholic Charities agencies and others who provide in-home care services to the elderly and disabled. Such services allow the elderly and the disabled to remain in their home and avoid entering a nursing home.	04-28-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
SB 1007	SS SB 1007	Dempsey	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, requires a third party contractor to make initial assessments regarding need for in-home care services. By July 1, 2015, in-home care service vendors must maintain and use a telephone tracking system to report and verify the delivery of services to ensure accurate billing. Amends various requirements for public assistance programs administered by the state. (Also passed as SB 842)	Oppose: The use of third party contractors is unnecessary and reduces funds available to providers of in-home care services to the elderly and disabled. 04/09/10	05-14-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
SB 842	CCS HCS SCS SB 842	Schmitt	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, requires a third party contractor to make initial assessments regarding need for in-home care services. By July 1, 2015, in-home care service vendors must maintain and use a telephone tracking system to report and verify the delivery of services to ensure accurate billing. Amends various requirements for public assistance programs administered by the state. (Also passed as SB 1007)	Oppose: The use of third party contractors is unnecessary and reduces funds available to providers of in-home care services to the elderly and disabled. 04/09/10	05-14-10 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

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MO HealthNet Program Benefits for Newborns					
HB 1259		Holsman	Adds home nursing visits and follow-up care as needed for certain at-risk newborns to the list of covered services under the MO HealthNet Program.	Support: Providing appropriate care to at-risk infants will result in better outcomes for the children and cost savings for the state of Missouri. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time
School Nurse Services					
HB 2010	CCS SCS HCS HB 2010	Icet	As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, section 10.645 includes funding for school nursing services. \$526,000 was cut from the school nursing program, leaving funding of \$4.7 million. HB 2010 is the appropriation bill for the Department of Mental Health, Board of Public Buildings, and Department of Health and Senior Services.	Support: MCC supports the school nurse program which provides for the equitable participation of public and private school children.	04-28-10 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed
Volunteer Health Services Act					
HB 1329		Sater	Establishes the Volunteer Health Services Act which allows for licensed health care professionals to provide volunteer services for a sponsoring organization.	Support: Legislation provides an additional method to provide health care services to the many Missouri citizens who lack health insurance. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
Immigration					
<i>College Attendance/Undocumented Persons</i>					
SB 783		Justus	Provides that certain aliens will receive in-state tuition at colleges and universities that meet certain requirements.	Support: Legislation offers a reasonable and compassionate approach whereby young undocumented persons may attend Missouri colleges and universities. 02/05/10	02-24-10 S Hearing conducted
<i>Drivers License/Immigrants</i>					
HB 2140		Gatschenberger	Prohibits the Director of the Department of Revenue from supplying or permitting the use of foreign language interpreters in connection with the required Missouri driver's license written and driving tests.	Oppose: Legislation would place barriers to employment to immigrants, including legal permanent residents, by denying drivers licenses. 03/19/10	02-15-10 H Read second time
HB 2143		Gatschenberger	Requires an applicant for a Missouri driver's license to be a United States citizen.	Oppose: Legislation would place barriers to employment to immigrants, including legal permanent residents, by denying drivers licenses. 03/19/10	02-15-10 H Read second time
HB 2144		Gatschenberger	Requires driver's license examinations to only be administered in English so that the applicant can demonstrate his or her ability to sufficiently understand highway traffic signs and safety warnings.	Oppose: Legislation would place barriers to employment to immigrants, including legal permanent residents, by denying drivers licenses. 03/19/10	02-15-10 H Read second time

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
Life Ethics					
<i>Cord Blood Availability</i>					
HB 1370		Roorda	Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish cord blood collection sites across the state for transportation to the Saint Louis Cord Blood Bank.	Support: The development of cord blood collection sites will facilitate the gathering of cord blood that can be used for stem cell research and therapies that uphold the sanctity of human life. Grants should be targeted to hospitals with the greatest financial need. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time
SB 971	HCS SB 971	Lembke	Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to make available resources relating to umbilical cord blood.	Support: By requiring the Department of Health and Senior Services to post information about cord blood donations on their web site and OB/GYN physicians to give the information from the web site to pregnant women, more women will be informed about cord blood donations and may donate. 03/19/10	04-29-10 H Reported do pass as substituted House-Health Care Policy
<i>In Vitro Fertilization/Health Insurance</i>					
HB 1305		Hodges, Jr.	Requires health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility.	Oppose: Legislation would provide health coverage for in vitro fertilization and other interventions that are morally illicit because they fail to respect the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/15/10	01-07-10 H Read second time

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
Taxation/Revenue					
<i>Expanded State Sales Tax</i>					
HJR 56	HCS HJR 56	Emery	Proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the individual and corporate income tax and sales and use tax with a sales tax on retail sales of new tangible property and taxable services. Removes the sales tax exemption currently enjoyed by churches and charities.	Oppose: Legislation would impose taxes on churches and Catholic Charities agencies. It is unclear whether the proposed tax would replace revenue lost from repealing individual and corporate income tax and other state taxes. The tax could shift more of the burden of taxation to the poor by raising the cost of basic necessities, such as food, utilities, and prescription drugs. 01/26/10	04-22-10 H Voted do pass as substitute from committee on House-Ways and Means
SJR 29	SS Pending	Purgason	Replaces all taxes on income with a sales and use tax. The pending Senate Substitute removes the proposed tax on private schools, churches, and charities.	Oppose: It is unclear whether the proposed tax would replace revenue lost from repealing individual and corporate income tax and other state taxes. The tax could shift more of the burden of taxation to the poor by raising the cost of basic necessities, such as food, utilities, and prescription drugs. 01/26/10	05-03-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
Internet Sales Tax					
HB 2302	HCS HB 2302	Sutherland	Implements the provisions of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement. Facilitates collection of sales tax from out-of-state vendors should Congress authorize states to require such vendors to collect sales tax.	Support: Legislation merits support because it will raise revenue for vital state services that serve the poor, level the competitive playing field for local and state-based businesses and promote economic activity. The tax proposed is less regressive than a typical sales tax because the items taxed tend not to be basic necessities but discretionary items like books and CDs. 03/19/10	04-20-10 H Executive session Completed - No Action Taken
SB 905	SCS SB 905	Bray	Implements the provisions of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement. Facilitates collection of sales tax from out-of-state vendors should Congress authorize states to require such vendors to collect sales tax.	Support: Legislation merits support because it will raise revenue for vital state services that serve the poor, level the competitive playing field for local and state-based businesses and promote economic activity. The tax proposed is less regressive than a typical sales tax because the items taxed tend not to be basic necessities but discretionary items like books and CDs. 03/19/10	04-01-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
Tax Credit Reform					
SB 584		Bartle	Requires mandatory review and sunset of certain tax credit programs.	Amend per position: While reforming the current state tax credits may be appropriate, the MCC opposes eliminating credits for maternity homes, pregnancy resource centers, special needs adoptions and similar credits that serve Missouri's most needy. These credits have very little fiscal impact but protect the poor and uphold the sanctity of human life. The criteria for retaining a tax credit should not be based on the number of jobs created (a dubious calculation at best) but rather on the public benefit. 01/15/10	02-18-10 S Voted do not pass from committee Senate-Gov. Accountability & Fiscal Oversight
SB 728		Crowell	Requires appropriations for allocations of state tax credits.	Amend per position: While reforming the current state tax credits may be appropriate, the MCC opposes eliminating credits for maternity homes, pregnancy resource centers, special needs adoptions and similar credits that serve Missouri's most needy. These credits have very little fiscal impact but protect the poor and uphold the sanctity of human life. The criteria for retaining a tax credit should not be based on the number of jobs created (a dubious calculation at best) but rather on the public benefit. 01/15/10	02-11-10 S Voted do not pass from committee Senate-Gov. Accountability & Fiscal Oversight

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
<i>Taxpayers' Bill of Rights</i>					
HJR 87	HCS HJR 87	Icet	Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting appropriations in any fiscal year from exceeding certain limits.	Oppose: Legislation would dramatically cut vital services to Missouri's most vulnerable citizens and undermine representative government. 03/20/09	04-07-10 S Hearing conducted
SJR 35		Lager	Limits general revenue appropriations and mandates state income tax rate reductions in certain situations.	Oppose: Legislation would dramatically cut vital services to Missouri's most vulnerable citizens and undermine representative government. 03/20/09	01-25-10 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Ways and Means

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
Welfare					
Food Stamps/Elderly					
HB 1627		Nance	Authorizes the Family Support Division to assist certain elderly individuals who qualify for the federal Food Stamp Program in obtaining supplemental food stamps.	Support: Legislation offers additional food stamp assistance to the elderly. 01/16/09	01-14-10 H Read second time
Food Stamps/Felony Convictions					
HB 1949		Curls	Modifies the eligibility requirements for food stamp assistance. Like other offenders, allows former drug offenders to receive food stamps.	Support: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamp assistance is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice. 01/15/10	02-03-10 H Read second time
SB 612		Wilson	Modifies the eligibility requirements for food stamp assistance. Like other offenders, allows former drug offenders to receive food stamps.	Support: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamp assistance is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice. 01/15/10	02-10-10 S Hearing conducted
TANF Recipients/Drug Testing					
HB 1377	HCS HB 1377	Brandom	Requires the Department of Social Services to test applicants for or recipients of Temporary Assistance For Needy Families benefits for the illegal use of controlled substances.	Oppose: Drug testing TANF recipients while not requiring drug testing of other state benefit recipients is discriminatory and demeans the poor. 01/15/10	04-13-10 S Hearing conducted
SB 607	SCS SBs 607, 602, 615 & 725	Stouffer	Requires drug testing for work-eligible TANF applicants and recipients based upon reasonable suspicion.	Oppose: Drug testing TANF recipients while not requiring drug testing of other state benefit recipients is discriminatory and demeans the poor. 01/15/10	02-24-10 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Original Bill:	Amended Bill:	Sponsor:	Description:	Position Statement:	Last Action:
TANF/Child Cap					
HB 1247		Sater	Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a federal waiver to modify the eligibility requirements for the Missouri Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Denies TANF benefits when a new child is born.	Oppose: By denying TANF benefits when a new child is born, the legislation may encourage more abortions. 01/15/10	03-30-10 H Referred to House Committee on House-Rules
Tax Relief/Donated Food					
HB 2054		Meiners	Extends the income tax credit for donations to food pantries from August 28, 2011, until August 28, 2023.	Support: Support effort to increase food available at pantries and other charitable organizations. 03/19/10	02-09-10 H Read second time