



Missouri Children's Leadership Council

98th General Assembly First Session Summary May 27, 2015

The controversy surrounding Speaker Diehl along with a Senate filibuster resulting from the use of a PQ to pass right-to-work legislation, culminated in the final week of the session deteriorating into gridlock effectively killing almost all pending bills. Happily, most MOCLC priority bills had already been truly agreed and finally passed and now await the Governor's signature.

Sex Abuse Victim SB341—Riddle HB713—Lant TAFP 5/6 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR 5/27

In addition to original bill establishing procedures for reports of juveniles with problem sexual behavior the bill now includes:

- HB976 – immunizations
- HB707 – safe sleep
- SB321 – orders of protection (add sexual assault)
- HB1074—language giving Office of Child Advocate broader authority
- language requiring schools to post Children's Division hot-line number
- HB1045 children's service's fund (amended to exempt St. Louis County)

SB341 reported "do pass" and set on the Senate calendar; third read and passed (33-0) March 19.

HB713 voted "do pass" by Select Committee on Social Services on March 30 and superseded by SB341

Children and Families hearing on SB341; MOCLC testified in support; Hearing set in Select Committee on Social Services April 27. Hearing held, substitute adopted and bill voted "do pass" 4/27; voted "do pass" House Fiscal Review 4/30; Set on House Calendar 5/4; **House third read and passed 140-13 on 5/5/15; Senate third read and passed 33-1 on 5/5/15**

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/pdf-bill/tat/SB341.pdf>

Revising TANF SB24—Sater PASSED FOLLOWING OVERRIDE OF GOVERNOR'S VETO

Both the House and Senate adopted the conference report for this bill that is being called "major welfare reform". The conference agreement includes a full family sanction at 45 months with no grandfather provision. As a result, 6,310 children are expected to lose benefits on January 1, 2016. The bill should be on the Governor's desk next week. Sent to the Governor April 20. Veto would need to come by May 11. Vetoed 4/30; **Senate override 25-9 on 5/4; House override 113-42 on 5/5**

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/pdf-bill/tat/SB24.pdf>

E-Cigs HB531—Solon TAFP 4/29 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR 5/27

Requires liquid nicotine products to be sold in child-safe packaging.

Third read and passed House March 19.

First read in Senate March 19

Referred to Senate Commerce on 4/2; Hearing 4/14 MOCLC testified in support; voted “do pass” 4/23; set on Senate calendar; **Truly Agreed and Finally passed 4/29**

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills151/billpdf/truly/HB0531T.PDF>

Division of Youth Services HB1149—Lauer TAFP 5/15 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR 5/27

The bill defines "youth" as a person under 21 years of age committed to the custody of the division. Currently, an offender cannot be employed in a work project if the offender has been convicted of a violent crime or whose conduct while under the control of the division suggests a propensity toward violence. The bill removes this provision and requires that at such time as a youth is considered for participation in a work project, the division must assess the youth and consider history, risk, readiness, and victim impact prior to employment. Youth to receive on the job training and be paid reasonable wages. Wages held in a trust fund available to the youth upon release.

Hearing in Children and Families March 16, voted “do pass” March 17. Referred to Select-Rules, voted “do pass” March 19. Perfected on Consent calendar 4/2; set on House calendar 4/7; House adopted 146-2 on April 7; Referred to Senate Seniors, Families and Children; Hearing held April 14; voted “do pass” 4/21; **Senate third read and finally passed 5/5; reported from House Fiscal Review 5/6; set on House Calendar 5/8**

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB1149&year=2015&code=R>

Omnibus Children’s Bill HB976—Franklin DIED

Referred to Children and Families.

HB976 heard in Children and Families March 10; MOCLC testified in support

Voted “do pass” March 16

Substituted and voted “do pass” by Select Committee on Social Services on 3/30. Perfected by House 4/15; Third read and passed 135-15; emergency clause adopted; referred to Senate Seniors Families and Children; hearing set for 4/28; Hearing held 4/28; Substitute adopted and voted “do pass” 4/29; MOCLC testified in support; Reported “do pass” 4/30; **Set on Senate Calendar 5/8; “do pass” Senate Government Accountability/Fiscal Oversight 5/6** Committee substitute now includes:

- HB976—Franklin, amends immunization laws giving parents the right to request whether or not there are children enrolled in their school who have an immunization exemption.
- HB713—Lant, Reports of juveniles with problem sexual behaviors
- HB475—Lant, Reports of child abuse received by Children’s Division
- HB707—Kirkton, Safe sleep
- HB1045—Zerr, children’s services funds (amended to set aside 5% for unaccredited and provisionally school districts in St. Louis County)
- HB665—Franklin, health carrier coverage of amino acid elemental formulas

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills151/billpdf/perf/HB0976P.PDF>

Children’s Division HB556—Wood DIED

Changes the laws regarding the return of children previously released from the custody of Children's Division. Floor amendment adopted which includes language requiring the court clerk to send a certified copy of any judgment or order to the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services when the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that an individual is responsible for child abuse or neglect.

Reported “do pass” Children and Families Feb. 17, Referred to Select Social Services reported “do pass” March 5; Third read and passed March 19; First read in Senate, March 19

Hearing held in Seniors, Families and Children on April 7; Substituted and reported “do pass” April 16; reported “do pass” from Fiscal Oversight 4/23; set on Senate calendar 4/30; Amended and floor substitute adopted 4/29; referred to Fiscal Oversight 4/30; set on Senate Calendar 4/30; Hearing set in Fiscal Oversight 5/5; set on Senate Calendar 5/4; **third read and passed (33-0) 5/5; “do pass” House fiscal review 5/7; House and Senate agree to conference 5/7**

Bill now includes:

- SB341, Riddle—youth with problem sexual behaviors
- HB665, Franklin—amino acid based elemental formula (as amended)
- SB518,—returning youth to the custody of children’s division
- SB531,—orders of protection for victims of sexual assault
- HB475, Lant—reports of child abuse received by Children’s Division
- SB328, Schupp—suicide prevention training
- Sifton amendment—safe sleep (HB707, Kirkton, SB427—Sifton)
- Kraus amendment requiring newborn screening to include immunodeficiency (bubble boy disease)
- Sater amendment verification of eligibility for public assistance; HB985 Haefner
- **Brown amendment giving foster parents standing in court proceedings (problematic)**
- Dixon amendment, residential treatment agency tax credit extension (SB463—Dixon)

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills151/hlrbillspdf/1426S.06F.PDF>

Sexual Trafficking of a Child HB152-Haahr **DIED**

Expands the crime of sexual trafficking of a child to include advertising.

Passed by the House 158-0 on March 18. Senate hearing held April 7. Hearing in Senate Judiciary 4/2. Voted “do pass” by committee on 4/16; Set on Senate calendar. Amended to add human trafficking; third read and passed 33-0 on 4/28; referred to House Fiscal Review 4/29. Set on House Calendar 4/30; House refused to concede 4/30 and requested Senate conference; Set on Senate Calendar 5/4; **Set on House calendar 5/6; Senate calendar 5/6; “do pass” House Fiscal Review 5/7; conference report eliminates Senate amendment adding human trafficking**

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB152&year=2015&code=R>

Bullying—HB458 Allen **DIED**

Changes the laws regarding bullying in schools and establishes specific components that a district must include in its antibullying policy.

Third read and passed 3/16; Second read and referred to Senate Education 4/2

Heard by Senate Education on April 8; MOCLC testified in support

It is believed that Senator Schmitt will handle the bill in the Senate.

Set on Senate calendar 4/27; amended, third read and passed 4/27 by vote of 33-0; Reported to House Fiscal Review 4/27; voted “do pass” 4/28; House and Senate both refuse to concede; conferees named 4/30; Set on both House and Senate Calendars 5/4; **“do pass” House Fiscal Review 5/7; bill will need to go back to conference**

Amended to include:

- SB328—Schupp, Requires school districts to adopt a policy on youth suicide awareness and prevention and allows licensed educators to complete annual training.
- Chappel-Nadal amendment directing 5% of St. Louis County Children’s Services Fund to

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB458&year=2015&code=R>

Perinatal Advisory Council SB342—Brown / HB735—Haefner **DIED**

Establishes a state perinatal advisory council; divides the state into perinatal regions and establishes standards of care identified by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

SB342 was exe'd from Senate Committee on Veterans and Health on April 9
HB735 Referred to Health, Mental Health, March 17
Hearing held on HB735 in House Health and Mental Health on April 8, MOCLC testified in support; voted "do pass 4/9; **Amended onto SB230 (telehealth) and SB354 (MOHealthNet study) 5/7;**
http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=2036741

Foster Care HB684—Koenig **DIED**

Establishes the Supporting and Strengthening Families Act. Seeks to reduce the number of children placed in foster care by utilizing host families.
Hearing held Feb. 24; Voted Do Pass March 4 Referred to Select Committee on Social Services March 4
Added to HB976 on 3/30; voted "do pass" Perfected as a stand alone bill on 4/15; Third read and passed 4/20 (123-36); referred to Senate Seniors, Families and Children; hearing held 4/28; voted "do pass" 4/29; **set on Senate calendar 5/6**
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB684&year=2015&code=R>

Child Abuse Victims HB734—Haefner SB464—Dixon **DIED**

Prohibits visual or aural recordings or photographs of a minor who is alleged to be a victim of child abuse to be shared with any person who is not required by law to have the recordings or photographs.
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx?pid=26>

Bill now includes:

- HB1074, Lant--authority of Office of Child Advocate
- SB484, Dixon-- changes name of Child Advocacy Centers to Child Assessment Centers
- SB341, Riddle-- youth with problem sexual behaviors
- HB152, Haar—sexual trafficking of a child

HB 734 Voted "do pass" from House Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings March 11; Referred to House Select-Judiciary March 16; Voted "do pass" 4/1 Perfected 4/14
SB464 heard in Senate Judiciary 4/14; MOCLC testified in support
HB734 third read and passed 139-12 on 4/20; referred to Senate Judiciary; hearing set for 4/28; hearing held 4/28; MOCLC testified in support; substitute adopted gutting protections 4/28; **reported "do pass" 5/5; set on Senate Calendar 5/6**

Early Childhood Education/Tobacco Tax—HB1268—Berry **DIED**

Establishes the Early Childhood Health and Education Act
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB1268&year=2015&code=R>

Introduced and first read

Referred to Children and Families March 19; Hearing held April 7, MOCLC testified in support. Exe'd by Committee on April 9. Hearing held in Select Committee on Social Services for April 20; failed to pass by a vote of 4-5; revised bill set to be heard 4/27; **reconsidered 4/27, substituted to remove tax language; voted "do pass"**

Greene County HB706-Hough / SB242-Dixon **DIED**

Allows Greene County, or any city within the county, to impose a sales tax, upon voter approval, to fund early childhood education.

Hearing held on SB242 March 5; MOCLC testified in support;
HB706 heard and voted "do pass" from House Local Government March 5.
Voted "do pass" from House Select Committee on State and Local Government on March 16
SB242 voted "do pass" from Senate Ways and Means 4/2

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB706&year=2015&code=R>

Missouri Whole Child Month HCR16-Gannon DIED

Would designate March of each year as Whole Child Month encouraging education of the whole child beyond academic achievement to include other facets of child well-being like health, civic involvement. The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development has been pushing this resolution language at the federal and state level.

Voted Do Pass; Referred to the Select Committee on Commerce, voted “do pass” March 11; Passed House 142-1 on 3/31; Referred to Senate Rules 4/1

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HCR16&year=2015&code=R>

Child Abuse HB475—Lant/SB525—Brown (Superseded by HB 976) DIED

Specifies that the Children's Division must receive notice of a finding of child abuse or neglect or that an individual has been listed as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect in the central registry. Referred to the House Committee on Children and Families

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB475&year=2015&code=R>

SB525 referred to Seniors, Families and Children; hearing 4/7; **voted “do pass” 4/14**

HB475 superseded by HB976

Child Abuse HB45—Lant DIED

Specifies that a child abuse or neglect investigation may be extended if requested by local law enforcement.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB45&year=2015&code=R>

Referred to House Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings 2/24; Hearing 4/1; voted “do pass” 4/14; referred to House Select Judiciary 4/15; **voted “do pass” 4/23**

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