Welcome to Issue 2 of the Legislative Update.

- The weekly Legislative Update provides information on disability related bills. For more details on a specific bill, please click on the bill number.
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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

HB 205          Kelley           Issue 1
This bill requires insurance companies to cover hearing aids
Status:  1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 222          Kelley           Issue 1
Establishes a statewide hearing aid distribution program
Status:  1/10/19 Second Read (H)

SB 101          Riddle           Issue 1
Establishes a statewide hearing aid distribution program
Status:  1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

CRIME

*HB 166          McCreery          Issue 1
Changes the laws regarding unlawful actions by persons knowingly infected with communicable diseases
Status:  1/16/19 Referred to Health and Mental Health Policy Committee (H)

*HB 167          Rehder              Issue 1
Changes the laws regarding unlawful actions by persons knowingly infected with communicable diseases
Status:  1/16/19 Referred to Health and Mental Health Policy Committee (H)

HB 224          Ellebracht          Issue 1
Provides that a person may be charged with promoting a suicide attempt or voluntary manslaughter if such person is convicted of abusing certain persons and such conduct significantly contributed to the suicide or suicide attempt
Status:  1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 302          Hicks                   Issue 1
Modifies weapon offenses by decriminalizing possession of a firearm silencer by persons who obtain a medical certificate for significant hearing loss
Status:  1/10/19 Second Read (H)

*HB 341          Hicks                   Issue 1
Allows certain marijuana-related offenses and violations to be expunged if the offenses or violations occurred in Missouri prior to the issuance of a patient identification card
Status:  1/17/19 Referred to Special Committee on Criminal Justice (H)

HB 353          Hannegan            Issue 1
Provides that a person cannot be sentenced to death if he or she raises the issue that he or she suffered from a serious mental illness at the time of the commission of the offense
Status:  1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 547          Griffith
Requires each judicial circuit to establish a veterans' treatment court

Currently, treatment court divisions oversee veterans treatment courts, adult treatment courts, DWI courts, family treatment courts, and juvenile treatment courts. This bill would require each circuit court to establish a treatment court division.

**Status:** 1/14/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 107**  Hoskins  **Issue 1**

Modifies law regarding service dogs

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 237**  White

Modifies postconviction treatment programs

This act modifies that structured cognitive behavioral intervention program into which a court can order a person on probation to be placed. Additionally, upon a recommendation from a court, the Department of Corrections will have sole discretion on the placement of an offender into a structured cognitive behavioral or institutional treatment program based on the Department’s assessment and available space. Finally, this act repeals a section which establishes and governs the current Missouri postconviction drug treatment program.

**Status:** 1/14/19 Second Read (S)

**EDUCATION**

**HB 54**  Bangert  **Issue 1**

Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 342**  Washington  **Issue 1**

Modifies provisions relating to prefilled epinephrine auto syringes in schools

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 485**  Dogan  **Issue 1**

Requires the state board of education to modify accreditation standards for special school districts

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 73**  O'Laughlin  **Issue 1**

Requires each local school district and charter school to have on file a policy for reading intervention plans for any pupils of the district and charter schools in grades kindergarten through four

**Status:** 1/9/18 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 249**  Koenig

Creates the Alternative Disability Services Act

This act creates the Alternative Disability Services Act. The act allows a parent, guardian, or student ages 18-21 to initiate the negotiation of an agreement for an alternative provider of special education services. The public
school must negotiate agreements for the educational costs of students with disabilities in good faith, and the agreements may include provisions for partial or full enrollment of the child in public school, and services and supplementary aids the public school shall provide. The terms of such an agreement negotiated between a public school and the parent or guardian of a student with disabilities, or a student ages 18-21 may exist until the end of the student's annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Services Plan (ISP) cycle, but may be extended or modified with agreement from the parent or guardian, and the public school. An agreement may be initiated by a parent, guardian, or student ages 18-21 when the IEP or ISP goals are not being met, the IEP or ISP accommodations or modifications are not being provided, or special education services are not available from certified personnel through the public school. The education of children with disabilities shall, to the maximum extent appropriate, be with children who do not have disabilities, and shall attend regular class, except in the case of a disability resulting in violent behavior which causes substantial likelihood of injury to the students or others. The public school must provide to parents, guardians, or students ages 18-21 information regarding where alternative services and supplementary aids may be obtained, the public school's criteria for such services, the public school's criteria under which the alternative services and supplementary aids are obtained. The public school is required to reimburse alternative providers for services or supplementary aids pursuant to the agreement.

Status: 1/14/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 272 Emery
Excludes any money reimbursed to school districts for the costs of special education from the calculation of average daily attendance

Under current law, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will reimburse school districts for the costs of special education for high-needs children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) exceeding three times the current expenditure per average daily attendance as calculated on the district annual secretary of the board report for the year in which the expenditures are claimed. Under this act, any money reimbursed to a school district under current law is excluded from such calculation. Under this act a school district shall submit the cost of serving any high-needs student with an IEP to DESE.

Status: 1/17/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

EMPLOYMENT

HB 48 Bangert Issue 1
Establishes a presumption that an emergency worker diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder incurred the disorder in the course of employment as an emergency worker

Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 61 Unsicker Issue 1
Repeals a provision relating to waivers by blind employees

Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 89 Green Issue 1
Creates a tort cause of action for injuries that result from harassment in the workplace

Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)
HB 241  Neely  Issue 1
Requires certain training and testing accommodations for Commercial Driver's License applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 517  Unsicker  Issue 1
Requires state agencies to support competitive integrated employment for persons with disabilities
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

SB 156  Wallingford  Issue 1
Creates new provisions relating to workers' compensation proceedings
**Status:** 1/9/18 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 162  Schupp  Issue 1
Creates new provisions of law relating to leave from employment
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 212  Sifton  Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to occupational diseases under workers' compensation laws
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 233  Sater  Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to sheltered workshops
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 234  White
Enacts provisions relating to disability accommodations for commercial driver's license applicants

This act specifies that a hearing test shall not be required for commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing, and provides for a process by which CDL applicants with disabilities can request testing accommodations for the written and driving tests. The act also specifies that any entity providing training to persons preparing to apply for a CDL shall provide reasonable accommodations for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.
**Status:** 1/14/19 Second Read (S)

**FUNDING/TAX RELIEF**

HB 33  Stacy  Issue 1
Creates a new funding mechanism for Bryce's Law
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 34  Stacy  Issue 1
Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 176**  Henry, Washington  Issue 1
Modifies provisions regarding property tax relief for senior citizens

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 227**  Swan  Issue 1
Specifies that all new and existing tax credits shall be approved by the General Assembly as part of the budget process

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 256**  Wood  Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to certain donation options when applying for a motor vehicle registration and when applying for a driver’s license

**Status:** 1/9/18 Introduced and First Read (H)

**HB 476**  Bailey  Issue 1
Creates a new funding mechanism for Bryce’s Law

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 478**  Christofanelli  Issue 1
Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HJR 22**  Carpenter  Issue 1
Proposes a constitutional amendment exempting from taxation certain real and personal property owned by a veteran with a total service-connected disability

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment authorizes an exemption from property tax for the real and personal property of a veteran with a total service-connected disability up to $200,000 in actual value for 2020 and indexed for inflation in subsequent years.

**Status:** 1/14/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 11**  Cunningham  Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to Medicaid per diem reimbursement rates

**Status:** 1/17/19 Second Read and Referred to Appropriations Committee (S)

**SB 28**  Hegeman  Issue 1
Places a cap on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

**Status:** 1/17/19 Second Read and Referred to Economic Development Committee (S)

**SB 29**  Hegeman  Issue 1
Extends the sunset on certain healthcare provider reimbursement allowances and modifies the managed care organization reimbursement allowance

**Status:** 1/17/19 Second Read and Referred to Appropriations Committee (S)
SB 160  Koenig  Issue 1
Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program
Status: 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 208  Wallingford  Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to the Senior Citizens Property Tax Credit
Status: 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

SB 269  Eigel
Modifies provisions relating to low-income housing tax credits
This act places a cap of $130 million on the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be authorized in a given fiscal year under the Missouri Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program.
Status: 1/17/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

HEALTH CARE/PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

*HB 138  Kidd  Issue 1
Establishes "Simon's Law," which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or nonbeneficial treatment policies of health care facilities
Status: 1/16/19 Referred to Health and Mental Health Policy Committee (H)

*HB 183  Trent  Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to public assistance benefits
Status: 1/16/19 Referred to Children and Families Committee (H)

HB 226  Swan  Issue 1
Removes the sunset on advanced practice registered nursing telehealth programs
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 233  Helms  Issue 1
Establishes a pilot program to allow MO HealthNet participants to receive services through direct primary care arrangements
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 238  Schroer  Issue 1
This bill prevents the state government from sharing medical marijuana user or registry info with the federal government
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 245  Neely  Issue 1
Requires insurance companies to cover fertility preservation procedures for insureds who are at least 18 years old and are diagnosed with cancer but have not started cancer treatment
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 252  Morris  Issue 1**
Modifies provisions relating to the MO Rx plan

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 308  Walker  Issue 1**
Establishes the Mo HealthNet Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities Program

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 377  Kelly  Issue 1**
Modifies the laws in regards to personal care assistance services

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 399  Basyle  Issue 1**
Changes the laws regarding health care for persons with disabilities

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 405  Messenger  Issue 1**
Establishes the Missouri Freedom to Choose Health Care Act

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

*HB 410  Gregory  Issue 1*
Allows physical therapists to treat patients without a prescription

**Status:** 1/16/19 Referred to Professional Registration and Licensing Committee (H)

**HB 466  Wood  Issue 1**
Allows structured family care giving as a covered service under MO HealthNet, subject to the approval of federal waivers

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 569  Wood**
Changes provisions of law relating to personal care assistance services

This bill extends the expiration of the personal care assistance financial assistance program to June 30, 2025.

**Status:** 1/16/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 45  Hoskins  Issue 1**
Enacts provisions relating to health care for persons with disabilities

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 70  Hough  Issue 1**
Modifies provisions relating to personal care assistance services

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 76  Sater  Issue 1**
Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements  
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 77**  
Sater  
**Issue 1**  
Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet  
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 78**  
Sater  
**Issue 1**  
Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri Rx plan  
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 127**  
Sater  
**Issue 1**  
Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to conduct a study regarding the importation of certain prescription drugs by the state  
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 128**  
Sater  
**Issue 1**  
Modifies provisions relating to consumer-directed services in the MO HealthNet program  
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 232**  
Sater  
**Issue 1**  
Extends the expiration date of the Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program  
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**LEGAL RIGHTS/RESPONSIBILITIES**

**HB 285**  
Franks Jr.  
**Issue 1**  
Creates civil rights for homeless persons  
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 354**  
Plocher  
**Issue 1**  
Changes the law regarding the financial protection of vulnerable populations  
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 368**  
McGaugh  
**Issue 1**  
Modifies voting procedures for absentee voting and voter identification  
**Status:** 1/16/19 Referred to Elections and Elected Officials Committee (H)

**HB 567**  
Hicks  
Provides that placement of a child in an adoptive home shall not be delayed or denied on the basis that a prospective adoptive parent has a medical marijuana card or works in the medical marijuana industry
This bill states adoptive home placements will not be delayed or denied because the adoptive parent has a medical marijuana card or works in the industry.

**Status:** 1/16/19 Second Read (H)

**HJR 5  Merideth  Issue 1**
Modifies voter eligibility and creates provisions for early voting and automatic voter registration

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 142  Eigel  Issue 1**
Modifies provisions of the Senior Savings Protection Act

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 191  Schupp  Issue 1**
Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices in housing

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 230  Crawford  Issue 1**
Modifies provisions relating to venue in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**MENTAL HEALTH**

***HB 108  Sommer  Issue 1**
Designates May as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Missouri

**Status:** 1/17/19 Referred to Special Committee on Tourism (H)

**HB 171  Washington  Issue 1**
Designates July as Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 177  Washington  Issue 1**
Requires long-term care facilities to have on staff one person trained in suicide assessment, treatment, and management

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 251  Morris  Issue 1**
Establishes the Tricia Leann Tharp Act, which requires certain pharmacists to receive two hours of continuing education on suicide prevention

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 164  Schupp  Issue 1**
Requires marital and family therapists to complete two hours of suicide management training as a condition of licensure
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 204** Riddle **Issue 1**
Modifies provisions relating to psychologist licensees
**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**OLMSTEAD**
No pending bills

**SAFETY/PREVENTION**

**HB 50** Bangert **Issue 1**
Prohibits anyone from using a hand-held electronic wireless communication device while driving a non-commercial motor vehicle unless the device is equipped for hands-free operation and is being used in that manner
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 68** Dinkins **Issue 1**
Prohibits the use of a hand-held wireless communications device within a school zone
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 74** Tate **Issue 1**
Prohibits the use of hand-held electronic wireless communications devices while driving non-commercial and commercial motor vehicles; but allows the use of such devices when used hands-free by operators of non-commercial motor vehicles who are fully licensed and eighteen years of age or older
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 207** Kelley
Allows Missouri driver's license applicants to elect to have a medical alert notation placed on the person's driver's license

This bill allows residents of Missouri to have a medical alert notation placed on their driver's license to indicate that they have an emergency medical card in their possession.
**Status:** 1/24/19 Hearing Scheduled (H)
**Assigned Committee:** Transportation

**HB 211** Razer **Issue 1**
Prohibits the use of hand-held electronic wireless communications devices while driving non-commercial and commercial motor vehicles; but allows the use of such devices when used hands-free by operators of non-commercial motor vehicles who are fully licensed and eighteen years of age or older
**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 223** Hansen **Issue 1**
Prohibits text messaging while driving for all drivers
This bill prohibits all non-commercial drivers from text messaging while driving no matter their age.

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 522**  Roden  Issue 1

Specifies when persons operating or riding a motorcycle or motortricycle must wear protective headgear and imposes certain insurance requirements for persons who elect to ride without protective headgear

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 15**  Wallingford  Issue 1

Enacts provisions relating to the operation of motor vehicles while using electronic devices

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SB 120**  Burlison  Issue 1

Specifies when persons operating or riding a motorcycle or motortricycle must wear protective headgear

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SERVICES**

**HB 144**  Ellington  Issue 1

Establishes the Customer Utility Protection Act

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 474**  Eggleston  Issue 1

Modifies provisions for temporary assistance to needy families and supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**HB 475**  Kelly  Issue 1

Modifies provisions for temporary assistance to needy families and supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

**Status:** 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

**SB 261**  Nasheed

Provides that lawful consumption of medical marijuana shall not render a person ineligible for TANF benefits

Under current law, applicants and recipients for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits who test positive for a controlled substance, which was not prescribed for the applicant or recipient, or who refuse to submit to a drug test shall be declared ineligible for TANF benefits for 3 years. Under this act, applicants or recipients who test positive for marijuana consumed lawfully pursuant to the Missouri Constitution shall not be declared ineligible for TANF benefits on the basis of that consumption.

**Status:** 1/16/19 Introduced and First Read (S)

**SJR 6**  Eigel  Issue 1

Prohibits implementation of any program providing a public benefit without an appropriation

**Status:** 1/9/19 Introduced and First Read (S)
OTHER

HB 107    Sommer    Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to service dogs
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 123    DeGroot    Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to permanent total disability benefits
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 261    Taylor    Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to second injury fund liabilities and self-insurance regulations
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 301    Schroer    Issue 1
Changes provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

HB 316    Barnes    Issue 1
Designates the month of September as Deaf Awareness Month and the last week of September as Deaf Awareness Week
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

*HB 450    Eggleston    Issue 1
Modifies provisions relating to the organ donor registry
Status: 1/16/19 Referred to Health and Mental Health Policy Committee (H)

HB 497    Wood    Issue 1
Establishes May 14th as "Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day in Missouri"
Status: 1/10/19 Second Read (H)

APPROPRIATIONS
No pending bills