



Governor's Council on Disability

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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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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Note: When "incapacitated," "handicapped," etc. appear in a bill description, it reflects the terminology of the legislation, not the Governor's Council on Disability.

Abbreviations

HB	House of Representatives
Bill	
HA	House Amendment
HS.....	House Substitute
HR	House Resolution
HJR.....	House Joint Resolution
HCS.....	House Committee Substitute
SB	Senate Bill
SCS	Senate Committee Substitute
SA.....	Senate Amendment
SS	Senate Substitute
SR.....	Senate Resolution
SJR.....	Senate Joint Resolution
CCR.....	Conference Committee Report
CCS.....	Conference Committee Substitute

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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

No pending bills

CRIME

[HB 501](#) [Schroer](#) [Issue 1](#)

Criminalizes the disclosure of medical marijuana patients' information to unauthorized parties

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 546](#) [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: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

*[HB 755](#) [Christofanelli](#)

Modifies provisions regarding unlawful actions by persons knowingly infected with communicable diseases

This bill changes the laws regarding knowingly infecting HIV to any serious or infectious communicable disease. A serious or infectious communicable disease is defined as a non-airborne disease spread from person to person that is fatal or causes long-term disabling consequences without lifelong treatment or of being management. It allows individuals to be a donor if a physician deems it medically appropriate. The language is changed to "knowingly expose" and "act in a reckless manner." The felony classes for the specific offenses mentioned in the bill are changed. It includes provisions regarding the release of the exposed individuals identifying information in legal proceedings. It also includes the act of an offender endangering someone at a secure facility if the offender causes or attempts to cause someone to come in contact with bodily fluids scientifically shown to be a means of transmission for serious infectious and communicable diseases.

Status: 1/11/21 Second Read (H)

[SB 65](#) [Rehder](#)

Modifies provisions relating to persons knowingly infected with communicable diseases

Under current law, it is illegal for a person knowingly infected with HIV to donate blood, organs, tissue, or sperm, unless for medical research, as well as illegal for such person to act recklessly in exposing another person to HIV without their knowledge and consent. This act modifies those provisions to make it unlawful for a person knowingly infected with a serious infectious or communicable disease to: (1) donate blood, organs, tissue, or sperm, unless for medical research or as deemed medically appropriate by a licensed physician; (2) knowingly expose another person to the disease through an activity that creates a substantial risk of transmission; or (3) act in a reckless manner by exposing another person to the disease through an activity that creates a substantial risk of disease transmission. A "serious infectious or communicable disease" is defined as a non-airborne disease spread from person to person that is fatal or causes disabling long-term consequences in the absence of lifelong treatment and management. The penalty for donation of blood, organs, tissue, or sperm while knowingly

infected with the disease or knowingly exposing another person to the disease shall be a Class D felony, rather than the current Class B felony, and a Class C felony, rather than the current Class A felony, if the victim contracts the disease. The penalty for recklessly exposing another person is a Class A misdemeanor. It shall be an affirmative defense to this offense if the person exposed to the disease knew that the infected person was infected with the disease at the time of the exposure and consented to the exposure. This act specifies the actions to be taken during a judicial proceeding to protect the identifying information of the victim and the defendant from public release, except as otherwise specified. Additionally, this act changes similar provisions involving exposure of persons in correctional centers, jails, or certain mental health facilities to HIV or hepatitis B or C to exposure to a serious infectious or communicable disease.

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Health and Pensions committee (S)

Committee: Health and Pensions

EDUCATION

[HB 64](#) [Pike](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the cost of serving high-needs students

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 108](#) [Bangert](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires school districts to provide instruction in cursive writing

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

*[HB 119](#) [Mackey](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to seclusion and restraint policies in public schools

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Elementary and Secondary Education committee (H)

Committee: Elementary and Secondary Education

*[HB 228](#) [Basye](#) [Issue 1](#)

Permits recording of IEP or Section 504 meetings by a student's parent or legal guardian

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Elementary and Secondary Education committee (H)

Committee: Elementary and Secondary Education

*[HB 303](#) [Wiemann](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes transfer procedures to nonresident districts for students in public schools

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Elementary and Secondary Education committee (H)

Committee: Elementary and Secondary Education

[HB 304](#) [Kelley](#) [Issue 1](#)

Enacts requirements relating to suicide prevention education and information

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 312](#) [Kelley](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires each local school district and charter school to have on file a policy for reading success plans for certain students

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 322](#) [Basye](#) [Issue 1](#)

Allows for the opening of recovery charter high schools

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 368](#) [Gregory](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires each local school district and charter school to have on file a policy for reading success plans for certain students

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[*HB 387](#) [Bailey](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to seclusion and restraint policies in public schools

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Elementary and Secondary Education committee (H)

Committee: Elementary and Secondary Education

[HB 437](#) [Appelbaum](#) [Issue 1](#)

Enacts requirements relating to suicide prevention education and information

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 458](#) [Dogan](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes new procedures for annexation of school districts to special school districts

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 465](#) [Pike](#) [Issue 1](#)

Enacts requirements relating to suicide prevention education and information

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 510](#) [Hill](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes alternative instruction delivery systems for virtual instructional programs in public schools and charter schools

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[*HB 543](#) [Pollitt](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes transfer procedures to nonresident districts for students in public schools

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Elementary and Secondary Education committee (H)

Committee: Elementary and Secondary Education

[HB 581](#) [Riggs](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes the "21st-Century Missouri Education Task Force"

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 729](#) [O'Donnell](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes and modifies alternative educational options for students in elementary and secondary education programs

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 743](#) [Wiemann](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires trauma-informed schools to keep incident records and provide notice of certain incidents

Status: 1/8/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 754](#) [Christofanelli](#)

Modifies provisions related to the virtual school program

This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a policy regarding enrollment in program courses. School districts and charter schools will develop policies for students who wish to enroll full-time. The bill outlines instructional activities. It requires specific things of virtual school providers.

Status: 1/11/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 776](#) [Unsicker](#)

Extends and relocates the trauma-informed schools pilot program

This bill changes the schools in the trauma-informed schools pilot program to schools in a metropolitan school district. The program is extended until June 30, 2025. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must submit a program report to the general assembly on or before December 31, 2025.

Status: 1/12/21 Second Read (H)

[*SB 54](#) [O'Laughlin](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires each local school district and charter school to have a policy for reading success plans for certain pupils in grades kindergarten through fourth grade

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Education committee (S)

Committee: Education

[SB 134](#) [O'Laughlin](#) [Issue 1](#)

Permits recording certain meetings by a student's parent or legal guardian

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 187](#) [Beck](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires school district nurses to develop individualized healthcare plans for students with epilepsy or seizure disorders

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 259](#) [O'Laughlin](#) [Issue 1](#)

Provides that recovery charter high schools may be operated in Kansas City for students in recovery from substance use disorder or dependency

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 304](#) [Eslinger](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to literacy and reading instruction in elementary and secondary education

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 352](#) [Koenig](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes a grievance process for parents and guardians of elementary and secondary school students

Status: 1/7/21 First Read (S)

EMPLOYMENT

[HB 115](#) [Walsh Moore](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires state agencies to support competitive integrated employment for persons with disabilities

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 116](#) [Walsh Moore](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires the Office of Administration to submit a certain report to the General Assembly

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 484](#) [Hicks](#) [Issue 1](#)

Adds provisions relating to occupational diseases diagnosed in first responders

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 559](#) [Schroer](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates new provisions relating to occupational diseases diagnosed in first responders

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 726](#) [Smith](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the state minimum wage rate

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 753](#) [Sander](#) [Issue 1](#)

Provides for an alternate lower minimum wage for "probationary employees"

Status: 1/8/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 760](#) [Roden](#)

Creates new provisions relating to certain firefighters who have contracted certain types of cancer as a result of employment

This bill creates allows municipalities and special districts employing firefighters to create the voluntary firefighter cancer benefit trust. Firefighters employed by trust participants may collect benefits from the trust if they developed cancer as a result of being employed as a firefighter.

Status: 1/12/21 Second Read (H)

[SB 45](#) [Hough](#)

Creates new provisions relating to certain firefighters who contracted certain types of cancer as a result of employment as a firefighter

This act allows for the creation of a Voluntary Firefighter Cancer Benefits Trust. Under the act, any municipality or special district that employs firefighters who meet certain qualifications may make contributions to a Voluntary Firefighter Cancer Benefits Trust. The board of trustees of any trust created for the purposes of this act is subject to the Sunshine Law. The trust is then required to make payments to covered individuals based upon the type of cancer with which the covered individual was diagnosed. The maximum amount that may be paid out from the trust for a particular cancer diagnosis in a covered individual is \$249,000. Benefits may be reduced by 25% if the covered individual used a tobacco product within the 5 years immediately preceding the cancer diagnosis. Any trust created for the purposes of this act may accept or apply for grants or donations from any private or public source. Furthermore, any such trust may apply for grants from the state fire marshal. This provision expires June 30, 2022.

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Insurance and Banking committee (S)

Committee: Insurance and Banking

[SB 102](#) [Eigel](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates new provisions governing occupational diseases diagnosed in first responders

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 339](#) [Luetkemeyer](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates new provisions relating to occupational diseases diagnosed in certain first responders

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 382](#) [Burlison](#)

Modifies permanent total disability benefits payable under workers' compensation laws

Under current law, if an employee dies prior to being paid permanent total disability workers' compensation benefits due as a result of certain occupational diseases due to toxic exposure, any additional benefits shall be payable to the employee's spouse or children, natural or adopted. This act modifies that provision such that to receive payment under this provision a child must also be a dependent. The act additionally repeals a requirement that payment be made to the estate of an employee in the event that he or she does not have a spouse or dependent children.

Status: [1/13/21 First Read](#) (S)

FUNDING/TAX RELIEF

[HB 264](#) [Merideth](#) [Issue 1](#)

Directs unclaimed lottery prizes to go to after school programs for high-need children

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 433](#) [Appelbaum](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the MO HealthNet fraud reimbursement fund

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

*[HB 540](#) [Fitzwater](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes the "Show Me A Brighter Future Scholarship Program"

Status: [1/14/21 Referred to Elementary and Secondary Education committee](#) (H)

Committee: Elementary and Secondary Education

[HB 717](#) [Rowland](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the "circuit breaker" tax credits

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 727](#) [Smith](#) [Issue 1](#)

Authorizes an income tax deduction for certain teachers and paraprofessionals

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 728](#) [Smith](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to reimbursement allowance taxes

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HJR 3](#) [Dinkins](#) [Issue 1](#)

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri relating to a property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans

Status: 1/7/20 Second Read (H)

HJR 4 Terry Issue 1

Reduces property tax assessments on senior citizens and disabled persons by fifty percent

Status: 1/7/20 Second Read (H)

HJR 10 Gray Issue 1

Proposes a constitutional amendment granting property tax exemptions to certain disabled veterans

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

*SB 1 Hegeman Issue 1

Extends the sunset on certain health care provider federal reimbursement allowances

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Appropriations committee (S)

Committee: Appropriations

*SB 23 Koenig Issue 1

Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Education committee (S)

Committee: Education

SB 85 Hegeman Issue 1

Modifies provisions relating to low-income housing tax credits

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

SB 368 Arthur

Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri housing trust fund

FEES FOR RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS

Under current law, a user fee of four dollars is charged for the recording of any instrument with the county recorder of deeds. An additional fee of three dollars is charged for the recording of certain instruments, such as deeds, mortgages, conveyances, and deeds of trust, which is then deposited in the Missouri Housing Trust Fund. The county recorder of deeds collects these fees and remit them to the Department of Revenue. This act changes the additional fee for the recording of these certain instruments from three dollars to nine dollars.

HOUSING TRUST FUND

Under current law, the money in the Missouri Housing Trust Fund is used to financially assist households with a combined adjusted gross income equal to or less to certain percentages of the median family income for the geographical area. This act modifies these provisions to include households with a combined adjusted gross income equal to or less than 50% of the median family income to be eligible for financial assistance for housing. This act also provides that households with a combined adjusted gross income equal to or less than 30% shall be eligible for financial assistance for certain residential occupancy projects. Finally, this act requires that no less than 50% of the funds shall be allocated to rental support projects.

Status: [1/11/21 First Read](#) (S)

HEALTH CARE/PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

[HB 37](#) [Pollock](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to immunizations

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 329](#) [Ingle](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate regulations consistent with CDC guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 344](#) [Kelley](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates provisions relating to prescription drug costs

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 370](#) [Christofanelli](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates provisions relating to the dispensing of HIV preexposure and postexposure prophylaxis

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 401](#) [Ingle](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates provisions relating to epinephrine auto-injectors

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 438](#) [Appelbaum](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate regulations consistent with CDC guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 516](#) [Shaul](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes Missouri as a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 536](#) [Kelley](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 582](#) [Riggs](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes the "21st Century Missouri Patient Education Task Force"

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 751](#) [Stephens](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions for step therapy

Status: 1/8/21 Second Read (H)

[*SB 79](#) [Razer](#) [Issue 1](#)

Authorizes pharmacists to dispense medications for HIV preexposure and postexposure prophylaxis provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Health and Pensions committee (S)

Committee: Health and Pensions

[SB 103](#) [Eigel](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies reimbursement for MO HealthNet hospital outpatient services

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 112](#) [Arthur](#) [Issue 1](#)

Enacts provisions relating to prescription drug costs

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 121](#) [White](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet managed care organizations

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 224](#) [Onder](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 264](#) [Arthur](#) [Issue 1](#)

Relating to prescription insulin drugs

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 300](#) [Bernskoetter](#) [Issue 1](#)

Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 329](#) [Rowden](#) [Issue 1](#)

Enacts provisions relating to federal regulation of private health insurance

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

LEGAL RIGHTS/RESPONSIBILITIES

[HB 134](#) [Mackey](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates provisions relating to customer access to restrooms

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 275](#) [Hannegan](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 324](#) [Young](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine per polling location for blind or visually impaired voters at an election in order to comply with federal law

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 375](#) [Gunby](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes certain rental protections for persons diagnosed with PTSD

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 413](#) [Price IV](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates civil rights for homeless persons

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 414](#) [Price IV](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates provisions for automatic voter registration

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 415](#) [Price IV](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates provisions for early voting

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 416](#) [Price IV](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine per polling location for disabled voters at an election in order to comply with federal law

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 423](#) [Proudie](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine per polling location for disabled voters at an election in order to comply with federal law

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 466](#) [Price IV](#) [Issue 1](#)

Prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of home address status

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 485](#) [Hicks](#) [Issue 1](#)

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

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 641](#) [Merideth](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to voter registration, absentee ballots, and elections

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 656](#) [Stevens](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions for absentee voting

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 738](#) [Rone](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies several provisions relating to elections

Status: 1/8/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 801](#) [Bland Manlove](#)

Creates provisions for automatic voter registration

This bill instructs the Secretary of State's office to establish a process to conduct automatic voter registration by January 1, 2023. This will include obtaining a list from the Department of Revenue of individuals with driver's licenses and nondriver ID cards and developing recommendations for local election authorities. These recommendations will be checked for eligibility by local election authorities. Local election authorities will send postcards to an individual giving he/she an opportunity to decline being registered and placed on the list. After one month all names with unreturned postcards will be added to the list. Any time a postcard is received the name is removed from the list. It also requires the Department of Corrections to submit information to the Secretary of State's office regarding individuals who have been discharged unconditionally from probation, parole, or incarceration. The information will then be provided to election authorities for voter registration purposes.

Status: 1/13/21 Second Read (H)

HB 815 **Schwadron**

Modifies provisions for elections

This bill would allow any voter to vote absentee at a location designated by the election authority without having to provide a reason. It would allow a voter to vote absentee by mail if he/she is prevented from going to the polling place because of an illness or disability or being the primary caregiver for someone with an illness or disability. The application to request to vote absentee by mail will include a place for the reason the voter is voting by mail. It requires individuals to establish their identities at the election authority prior to voting absentee by mail. Procedures for receiving a provisional ballot are also included.

Status: 1/14/21 Second Read (H)

HB 842 **Hill**

Requires that all ballots be in paper form

This bill designates the paper ballot as the official ballot beginning January 1, 2022. After January 1, 2024 electronic voting machines are not allowed to be used to cast ballots. Voters with disabilities are allowed to use the machines until they need to be replaced or until January 1, 2024. The machines will be replaced with paper ballot marking devices designed to assist voters with disabilities.

Status: 1/14/21 First Read (H)

HJR 19 **Young** **Issue 1**

Removes the restriction on persons judged incapacitated being able to vote

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

SB 14 **Onder** **Issue 1**

Modifies provisions governing the form of identification required to vote

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Local Government and Elections committee (S)

Committee: Local Government and Elections

SB 17 **Schupp**

Modifies absentee voting process

Under current law, a person may vote absentee for candidates and ballot issues in any election in which he or she is eligible to vote if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls for specified reasons. This act permits a person to vote absentee for any reason or no reason at all.

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Local Government and Elections committee (S)

Committee: Local Government and Elections

SB 69 **Gannon**

Modifies the absentee voting process

Under current law, a person may vote absentee for candidates and ballot issues in any election in which he or she is eligible to vote if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls for specified reasons. This act permits a person to vote absentee for any reason or no reason at all.

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Local Government and Elections committee (S)

Committee: Local Government and Elections

[SB 113](#) [Arthur](#)

Modifies provisions relating to absentee voting

Under current law, a person may vote absentee for candidates and ballot issues in any election in which he or she is eligible to vote if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls for specified reasons. This act permits a person to vote absentee for any reason or no reason at all.

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Local Government and Elections committee (S)

Committee: Local Government and Elections

[SB 282](#) [Hegeman](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to elections

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 357](#) [Washington](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to medical marijuana program participants in family court matters

Status: 1/7/21 First Read (S)

[SB 378](#) [Onder](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the use of paper ballots in public elections

This act designates the paper ballot as the official ballot. Specifically, all electronic voting systems are required to produce results from paper ballots marked by hand, or in the case of disabled voters who need assistance, from paper ballots marked by a paper ballot marking device designed to assist such voters. Additionally, the use of remaining direct-record electronic voting machines shall be phased out upon mechanical failure.

Status: 1/12/21 First Read (S)

MENTAL HEALTH

[HB 364](#) [Gregory](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to antipsychotic drugs

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 383](#) [Kidd](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to insurance coverage for mental health conditions

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 537](#) [Kelley](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet coverage of mental health services

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 837](#) [Derges](#)

Modifies provisions relating to mental health care for minors

This bill requires all medical and mental health professionals to immediately evaluate minors who contact them for mental health care to determine whether he or she presents an imminent danger to self or others. The professional is required to provide treatment or make an appropriate treatment referral. If a minor consents to mental health treatment, the provider is required to keep all records confidential and is not allowed to share them with any parents or guardians unless the minor provides consent or is an imminent danger to self or others. Parents and guardians are not allowed to prohibit or interfere with any treatment unless the minor provides consent or is an imminent danger to self or others.

Status: 1/14/21 First Read (H)

[SB 80](#) [Razer](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to insurance coverage for mental health conditions

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Insurance and Banking committee (S)

Committee: Insurance and Banking

[SB 122](#) [White](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the discharge of certain committed persons

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 173](#) [White](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to antipsychotic drugs for MO HealthNet participants

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

OLMSTEAD

No pending bills

SAFETY/PREVENTION

[HB 103](#) [Pollitt](#) [Issue 1](#)

Prohibits the use of a hand-held wireless communication device within a school zone

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 110](#) [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: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 241](#) [Porter](#) [Issue 1](#)

Prohibits the use of hand-held wireless communication devices by drivers of any age

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 258](#) [Evans](#) [Issue 1](#)

Prohibits the use of a hand-held wireless communications device for texting by drivers of any age

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 798](#) [Bland Manlove](#)

Prohibits text messaging while driving for all drivers

This bill prohibits drivers of commercial and noncommercial vehicles from reading, writing, or sending a text message or electronic message using a handheld or wireless communication device.

Status: 1/13/21 Second Read (H)

SERVICES

[HB 117](#) [Walsh Moore](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to blind pensions

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 270](#) [Quade](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates a grant program for behavior crisis care centers

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

*[HB 367](#) [Gregory](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the scope of practice for physical therapists

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Downsizing State Government committee (H)

Committee: Downsizing State Government

[HB 486](#) [Hicks](#) [Issue 1](#)

Requires the department of health and senior services to establish a statewide medical marijuana lodging establishment licensing system

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 542](#) [Shields](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 551](#) **[Derges](#)** **[Issue 1](#)**

Modifies provisions relating to continuing education requirements for certain professionals

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 632](#) **[Roberts](#)** **[Issue 1](#)**

Creates provisions relating to end-of-life care homes

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 789](#) **[Grier](#)**

Modifies provisions relating to the practice of certain professions

A section of this bill changes the statutes related to interpreters for the deaf to reflect state certification rather than licensing. It makes the certification voluntary. It removes the section within the definition of “interpreter” requiring the individual to hold a current certification or license to interpret in the state. It removes the license requirement from the definition of “interpreter trainer”. It adds a definition for “state certification” and “state-certified interpreter” to the statute. It replaces the word “licensed” with “state-certified” in many areas of the interpreter statute and one additional statute related to services/accommodations provided to individuals who are deaf.

Status: 1/13/21 Second Read (H)

[SB 177](#) **[Brown](#)** **[Issue 1](#)**

Modifies provisions relating to home health licensing

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

[SB 330](#) **[Burlison](#)** **[Issue 1](#)**

Adopts the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Status: 1/6/21 First Read (S)

OTHER**[HB 265](#)** **[Merideth](#)** **[Issue 1](#)**

Specifies that the Secretary of State will create a website and allow citizens of Missouri to electronically sign ballot measures that are approved for circulation

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 404](#) **[Aldridge](#)** **[Issue 1](#)**

Designates April as Limb Loss Awareness Month

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 422](#) **[Proudie](#)** **[Issue 1](#)**

Establishes provisions relating to civil actions for abuse, bullying, or neglect of certain persons with disabilities

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 550](#) [Derges](#) [Issue 1](#)

Modifies provisions relating to assistant physicians

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 569](#) [Basye](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes a special license plate for cancer awareness

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 640](#) [Morse](#) [Issue 1](#)

Designates June as "Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month"

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HB 702](#) [Merideth](#) [Issue 1](#)

Creates provisions relating to the caps on the number of licenses granted to medical marijuana facilities

Status: 1/7/21 Second Read (H)

[HCR 6](#) [Stevens](#) [Issue 1](#)

Designates September of each year as "Opioid and Heroin Awareness Month."

Status: 1/8/21 Second Read (H)

[*SB 13](#) [Onder](#) [Issue 1](#)

Establishes "Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month" in Missouri

Status: 1/14/21 Referred to Health and Pensions committee (S)

Committee: Health and Pensions

APPROPRIATIONS

No pending bills