

Issue Brief: New Laws Impacting Children & Families¹

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The General Assembly has truly agreed and passed the following bills impacting children and families:

Budget & Revenue

HB 1001: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money to the Board of Fund Commissioners for the cost of issuing, processing and defeasing and to transfer money among certain funds.

HB 1002: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the several divisions.

HB 1003: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education, the several divisions, programs, and institutions of higher education.

HB 1008: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Public Safety and the several divisions and programs.

HB 1010: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Mental Health, the Board of Public Buildings, the Department of Health and Senior Services.

HB 1011: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money for the expenses, grants, and distributions of the Department of Social Services and the several divisions and programs.

HB 1014: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money for supplemental purposes for the several department and offices of state government, and for the payment of various claims for refunds.

HB 1015: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill appropriates money for supplemental purposes for the Department of Social Services, and to transfer money among certain funds, from the funds designated for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2006.

HB 1021: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill relates to the appropriations for certain state agencies.

HB 1485: Sponsored by Representative Icet, this bill authorizes an income tax credit for contributions to qualified pregnancy resource centers and children in crisis centers.

SB 614: Sponsored by Senator Stouffer, this bill creates an income tax credit for contributions to residential treatment agencies.

¹ Passed bills still need Governor Blunt's signature before becoming law.

SB 630: Sponsored by Senator Gross, this bill modifies eligibility requirements for the Homestead Preservation Tax Credit.

SB 678: Sponsored by Senator Gross, this bill repeals the quarterly tax collections report requirement for temporary tax collection.

SB 936: Sponsored by Senator Vogel, this bill allows county library boards to issue bonds for up to 5% of the value of property within the district instead of 1%.

SB 1016: Sponsored by Senator Gross, this bill requires county commissions to set tax rates by September 20th.

SB 1056: Sponsored by Senator Griesheimer, this bill modifies the method of how community improvement districts may impose sales taxes.

SB 1229: Sponsored by Senator Champion, this bill creates a tax credit for children in crisis

Child Protection

HB1698: Sponsored by Representative Lipke, this bill changes the laws regarding sexual offenders.

Child Protection - Family Law

SB 618: Sponsored by Senator Koster, this bill provides that electronic access cards may be issued to custodial parents for disbursement of child support payments.

Child Protection - Juvenile Justice

HB 1182: Sponsored by Representative Stevenson, this bill allows parents, legal guardians, or other persons with custodial rights to petition a court to extend his or her child's age of majority to 18 for all purposes under state law.

Child Protection - Safety

SB 872: Sponsored by Senator Gibbons, this bill enacts various provisions relating to the safe operation of motor vehicles to ensure the safety of highway workers, emergency workers and other motorists.

SB 919: Sponsored by Senator Scott, this bill repeals the statute permitting the city council of a third-class city to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons.

Early Care & Education

HB 1511: Sponsored by Representative Lager, this bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop standards for early childhood education.

Elementary, Secondary, & Higher Education

HB 1180: Sponsored by Representative Corcoran, this bill allows certain school districts to provide transportation to students who live less than one mile from school and be reimbursed by the state if unsafe traffic situations can be demonstrated.

HB 1245: Sponsored by Representative Sater, this bill allows school nurses to keep on hand and administer pre-filled syringes of epinephrine to any student who the nurse believes is having an anaphylactic reaction.

HB 1449: Sponsored by Representative Wright, this bill prohibits the state from requiring a substitute or part-time teacher employed within one year of the teacher's retirement to be subject to a background check by a school district.

HB 1732: Sponsored by Representative Fraser, this bill requires school districts to grant authorization to students for the possession and self-administration of medications for the treatment of asthma and anaphylaxis.

SB 558: Sponsored by Senator Gibbons, this bill removes the termination date for experimental tariffs put in place by the Public Service Commission and gas corporations for schools.

SB 580: Sponsored by Senator Shields, this bill requires collaboration between certain departments in order to achieve a more efficient and effective educational system.

SB 641: Sponsored by Senator Scott, this bill requires all contributions to the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program be held for twelve months.

SB 751: Sponsored by Senator Stouffer, this bill allows the City of Corder to sell property purchased from the school district for any purpose after 25 years.

SB 769: Sponsored by Senator Mayer, this bill permits school districts meeting certain criteria to make a one-time additional transfer from the incidental fund to the capital projects fund.

SB 834: Sponsored by Senator Nodler, this bill alters various provisions of the state's special education policy.

SB 894: Sponsored by Senator Nodler, this bill requires low-levy school districts to provide written notice to DESE asserting whether or not such district is providing an adequate education.

SB 912: Sponsored by Senator Goodman, this bill establishes a virtual school program.

Family Income Security

HB 1491: Sponsored by Representative Walton, this bill requires the Family Support Division to encourage applicants or recipients of state medical assistance benefits to seek federal benefits prior to receipt of any state benefits.

HB 1559: Sponsored by Representative Cunningham, this bill adds grocery and convenience stores to the list of donors that can donate food to a charity or nonprofit organization for distribution without being liable for damages resulting from the food's condition.

HB 1787: Sponsored by Rep Jackson, this bill establishes the Guard at Home Program to assist the spouse of an active-duty National Guard or reservist with immediate needs and employment to prevent the family from falling into poverty.

SB 1060: Sponsored by Senator Kennedy, this bill modifies provisions regarding the tax contribution designation for the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund.

Dental Health

SB 828: Sponsored by Senator Scott, this bill repeals the sunset provision for dental hygienists.

Environmental Health

HB 1437: Sponsored by Representative Threkleld, this bill abolishes the Advisory Committee on Poison Control and transfers its powers and certain duties to the Department of Health and Senior Services and abolishes the Committee on Radiation Control.

SB 1165: Sponsored by Senator Klindt, this bill extends the fees imposed under the water pollution statutes until December 31, 2009.

Health

HB 1440: Sponsored by Representative Sutherland, this bill authorizes a check-off on the Missouri individual and corporate income tax forms for donations for cervical cancer awareness and treatment and the calculation for individual net operating losses.

HB1515: Sponsored by Representative Behnen, this bill requires physicians to report to the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts any collaborative practice agreements entered into and authorizes the board to conduct audits for compliance.

HB1601: Sponsored by Representative Weter, this bill exempts research programs and experimental medical procedures for patients with life-threatening emergencies from the informed consent requirement under certain conditions.

HB1687: Sponsored by Representative Wright, this bill allows unused or unaccepted drugs donated to the Prescription Drug Repository Program to be distributed to out-of-state charitable repositories.

HB1827: Sponsored by Representative Wasson, this bill changes the authorized categories of business and premium requirements on health insurance policies issued to an association of small and large employers.

HB1837: Sponsored by Representative Yates, this bill changes the laws regarding medical malpractice insurance and the enforcement powers of the Department of Insurance and creates the Health Care Stabilization Fund Feasibility Board.

HCR 12: Sponsored by Representative Portwood, this bill designates the tenth of May each year as "Hepatitis C Awareness Day" in Missouri.

SB 567: Sponsored by Senator Dougherty, this bill provides health insurance coverage for Phase II clinical trials for cancer treatment.

SB 765: Sponsored by Senator Dougherty, this bill enacts provisions relating to emergency medical treatment.

SB 822: Sponsored by Senator Gross, this bill extends FRA, Pharmacy Tax, Nursing Facility reimbursement allowance, and Medicaid managed care reimbursement allowance sunsets

SB 837: Sponsored by Senator Loudon, this bill modifies the membership of the board of directors that governs the Missouri Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association.

SB 900: Sponsored by Senator Shields, This bill modifies provisions on the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Fund.

SB 1057: Sponsored by Senator Loudon, this bill includes physical therapists in the definition of health practitioner for the purposes of liens.

SB 1084: Sponsored by Senator Gibbons, this bill extends the sunset date for the Healthcare for Uninsured Children Program.

SB 1117: Sponsored by Senator Stouffer, this bill modifies provisions of the Missouri Rx Plan Advisory Commission.

SB 1155: Sponsored by Senator Stouffer, this bill modifies provisions on the technical advisory committee on the quality of patient care and nursing practices.

SB 1177: Sponsored by Senator Callahan, this bill allows a local registrar to be an employee of either a county or city health agency.

SB 1197: Sponsored by Senator Wheeler, this bill allows sixteen-year olds to donate blood with parental permission.

Mental Health

SB 648: Sponsored by Senator Champion, this bill replaces the term "lunatic asylum" with "mental health facility" in statute about fire escapes and stairs.

SB 974: Sponsored by Senator Shields, this bill extends date for the Department of Mental Health to complete mental health services plans for persons on waitlists.

Miscellaneous

SB 1146: Sponsored by Senator Ridgeway, this bill modifies the process for review of an administrative agency's decisions.

Youth Development

SB 725: Sponsored by Senator Bray, this bill permits underage culinary students to taste, but not consume, certain alcoholic beverages as required by a curriculum.

SB 1001: Sponsored by Griesheimer, this bill modifies lawful presence requirements for drivers' license, modifies graduated driver's license law and allows the Highway Commission to revoke licenses and registrations of motor carriers in certain circumstances.

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