



## Missouri Children's Leadership Council

**June 24, 2014**

### **Presentation to MOCLC Quarterly Meeting**

When the gavel fell concluding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 97<sup>th</sup> General Assembly on May 16<sup>th</sup>, several priorities of the Missouri Children's Leadership Council had been truly agreed and finally passed and now await the Governor's signature.

#### **SB 508, SB 716 and SB 869 (Parson, Molendorp, Schmitt, Torpey, et al) CHIP Waiting Period—Passed, Awaiting Governor's Signature**

##### **Summary:**

- Eliminates the 6 month waiting period for CHIP
- Reduces the penalty for nonpayment of premium to 90 days

#### **SB 716 (Brown, Grisamore, Scharnhorst, Frederick, et al) Show Me Healthy Babies--Passed**

Senate Vote--30 Yes, 0 No

House Vote –Voice

##### **Summary:**

- Omnibus bill including various health care related provisions
- CHIP coverage for unborn children
- Women otherwise ineligible for Medicaid will be covered
- CHIP waiting period language also in this bill

#### **HB 2002 (Stream, Schaefer) Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Budget—Passed**

House Vote—133 Yes, 20 No

Senate Vote—31 Yes, 1 No

##### **Summary:**

- Missouri PreSchool Program \$15,758,100 (\$4M increase)
  - Cap on grants increased to \$250,000 (was \$150,000)

- \$4,063,959 reserved for unaccredited and provisionally accredited schools (no cap)
- First Steps \$53,312,710 (\$8.5M increase)
- Parents as Teachers \$16,000,000 (\$1M increase)
- Foundation Formula \$3,353,283,124 (\$278,011,387 increase)
  - Still \$600M below the funding formula
  - Governor and Legislature did not agree on revenue targets
    - Lottery and river boat gaming below expectations
    - Governor asked for \$44M GR to compensate
    - Legislature instead appropriated \$22M GR
  - Legislature created a surplus fund of \$163.2M
  - Surplus funds not available if revenue targets not met
    - Expect withholds
  - FY14 Foundation Formula funds have been withheld twice totaling \$57M( \$40.2M K-12)

**HB 2010 (Stream, Schaefer) Department of Health and Senior Services Budget—Passed**

House Vote—108 Yes, 43 No

Senate Vote—26 Yes, 5 No

**Summary:**

- \$10M renewal of Smart Start initiative

**HB 2011 (Stream, Schaefer) Department of Social Services Budget—Passed**

House vote 104 Yes, 45 No

Senate Vote 25 Yes, 7 No

**Summary:**

- New \$2.5M pilot project in St. Louis for health homes for foster children
- New \$750,000 for internet-based health records for foster children
- Early Head Start \$6,176,737 (flat funded)
- Home Visitation \$3,074,500 (flat funded)
- New Children’s Division Career Ladder \$2,269,764
- New Children’s Division mobility/technology \$2,357,930
- Child Advocacy Centers \$2.8M (\$501,048 increase)
- Child Care Assistance \$185,325,528 (\$10.3M increase in federal funds)
  - Three percent rate increase for licensed and exempt providers
  - Full eligibility increased from 123 percent of FPL to 130 percent
  - Partial benefit continued at 175 percent of FPL

### **HB 1689 (Swan/Wright/Keaveny) PreK—Passed, Awaiting Governor’s Signature**

Senate vote: 25 Yes; 6 No

House vote: 127 Yes; 18 No

#### **Summary:**

- Allows school districts to count 3 and 4 year olds eligible to receive free and reduced price lunches in their daily attendance for purposes of foundation formula funding.
- Tiered enactment with unaccredited districts eligible in the 2015/16 school year, provisionally accredited districts in the 2016/17 school year, and all districts eligible in the 2017/18 school year.
- Funding contingent upon full funding of the foundation formula.
- Funding capped at 4% of a district’s and charter’s eligible pupils.
- 18,000 children eligible when fully implemented at a cost of \$76.4M annually.

### **SB 869 (Schmitt, Fitzpatrick et al) Child Care Development Block Grant Fix—Passed, Awaiting Signature**

House vote: 142 Yes; Present 1

Senate vote: 32 Yes

#### **Summary:**

- Fix protecting \$142M federal Child Care Development Block funds serving 39,000 Missouri children and families with child care subsidies.
- In compliance with new federal regulations, the Department of Social Services will lead stakeholders statewide, including parents and providers, to establish a system of quality indicators that will give parents the ability to differentiate between child care providers.
- Process begins 6 months after adoption of federal regulations
- Allows child care providers organized as an LLC to qualify for the exemption for related children for children who are related to the member of the corporation responsible for the daily operation of the facility.
- All child care facilities shall disclose the licensure status of the facility to the parents or guardians of the children for which the facility provides care.
- CHIP waiting period language also in this bill

**SB 491 (Justus, Cox) Criminal Code—Passed, Filed Without Signature**

House vote—140 Yes, 15 No

Senate vote—28 Yes, 2 No

**Summary:**

- Strengthens the law and penalties for sex crimes against children.

**HB 1092 (Lant, Dixon, Grisamore, et al) Omnibus Children’s Issues**

House vote—139 Yes, 2 No

Senate vote—31-0

**Summary:**

- Increases from 30 days to 45 the time for completion of child abuse and neglect investigations (allows adequate time for complex cases to be fully investigated)
- Gives the office of Child Advocate standing in any judicial proceeding on behalf of the interests of the parent or child
- Allows appointment of a guardian ad litem to appear for and represent an abused or neglected child
- Allows payment to SAFE CARE providers who provide forensic exams for children alleged victims of physical abuse
- Allows minors sixteen years or older in the legal custody of the Children’s Division to purchase automobile insurance

**HB 1411 (Cross, Sifton) Tanning Bed Parental Consent—Passed**

House vote—105 Yes, 36 No

Senate vote—22 Yes, 10 No

**Summary:**

- Requires persons younger than 17 to have annual parental consent to use a tanning device.

**SB 841 (Wasson, Rowden Relating to Alternative Nicotine or Vapor Products**

**House vote—127-19**

**Senate vote—27-4**

**Summary:**

- Amends statutes defining permissible merchandising practices for tobacco products to include vapor, including vending machines, mail order or internet sales
- Prohibits sales to minors under 18
- Does not limit venues where the produce can be used

## **SB 869 (Wasson) Omnibus Bill**

- **Leave sharing program for state employees adopting or fostering a child**

## **SB 613 (Nieves, Funderburk) Firearms—Died**

Senate vote—23 Yes, 10 No

House vote—Set on calendar, never brought to a vote

### **Summary:**

- Nullified federal gun laws in Missouri
- Senator Justus ended her Senate career by filibustering

## **HB 1445 (Gatschenberger, Sifton) Show Me Vax Vaccine Registry—Died**

### **Summary:**

- **Creates an immunization registry**
- **Beginning January 1, 2015, providers required to submit vaccination records of adults and children to the registry**

## **SB 820 (Schaefer) HB 1242 (Stream) Tobacco Settlement—Died**

### **Summary:**

- \$70M arbitration judgment against Missouri reduced to \$20M by St. Louis Circuit Court

## **HJRes 56 (Wallingford) Parental Rights—Died**

### **Summary:**

- Proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing parents the fundamental right to control the care, custody, upbringing, and education of their minor children.

## **HB 2096 (Schupp)—Died**

### **Summary:**

- **Nathan's Law**
- **Children counted for purposes of licensure if the provider is also caring for at least two other unrelated children for pecuniary gain.**

### **HB 2284 (Haefner) Child Care Licensure—Died**

#### **Summary:**

- Requires child care providers to be licensed in order to be eligible for child care subsidy.

### **HB 1355 (Fitzpatrick)—Died**

#### **Summary:**

- Exempts child care providers in third and fourth class counties from licensure.