

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Child Care Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB2409](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brenda Shields (R)

Description: Authorizes the "Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act", the "Employer-Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act", and the "Child Care Providers Tax Credit", relating to tax credits for child care.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/07/2026 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

Original Bill: [SB1678](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Kurtis Gregory (R)

Description: Authorizes tax credits for child care.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Legislation would help increase the affordability and availability of childcare to help working families. The Church has recognized the connection between work and family. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Work constitutes a foundation for the formation of family life." 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/16/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

Food Stamps/Felony Convictions

Original Bill: [HB2751](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 2751, 2831 & 2695 **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to public safety.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/29/2026 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [HB2835](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Allows offenders to access supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB1401](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Description: Modifies provisions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (*Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

Last Action: 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Original Bill: [SB1680](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Prohibiting former drug offenders from receiving food stamps is a form of double punishment not experienced by other offenders. This legislation corrects this injustice while ensuring that former offenders are receiving (or have received) substance abuse treatment. "Finally, we must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible." (Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, U.S. Catholic Bishops, par. 7) 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/16/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Housing Trust Fund

Original Bill: [HB2830](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Changes a user fee collected by recorders of deeds for the Missouri housing trust fund from three dollars to nine dollars. This fee has not been increased since it was established in the early 1990's.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Providing additional housing assistance to those who need it is consistent with Catholic Social Teaching that housing is a fundamental right. 03/20/26

Last Action: 04/29/2026 H - Placed on Formal Perfection Calendar

Medicaid Work Requirements

Original Bill: [SJR103](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Carter (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/30/26

Last Action: 02/11/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Original Bill: [SJR108](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to work requirements for MO HealthNet.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/30/26

Last Action: 02/05/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Removal of Sales Tax for Groceries

Original Bill: [SB1017](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

Description: Authorizes a state sales tax exemption for food.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Removing the tax on groceries will help ease the burden of rising food costs for families. 01/30/26

Last Action: 02/25/2026 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

Original Bill: [SB1656](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

Description: Authorizes a state sales tax exemption for food.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Removing the tax on groceries will help ease the burden of rising food costs for families. 01/30/26

Last Action: 02/12/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Economic and Workforce Development

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB2011](#) **Amended Bill:** CCS SS SCS HCS HB 2011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.830 provides \$148 million for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program. This includes funding for prenatal care and related services for pregnant women and their unborn children.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support Section 11.830 that provides funds for Show-Me Healthy Babies program, which is designed to provide improved access to prenatal care for expectant mothers and their unborn children. 03/20/26

Last Action: 05/06/2026 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - Y-31 N-1
