

Reproductive Health Bills – 2009
FINAL REPORT

BILLS THAT RESTRICT ACCESS TO PROGRAMS OR SERVICES

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	MOVEMENT
HB 46 Fact Sheet HB 434 SB 264 Fact Sheet	Representative Davis (R-19) Representative Pratt (R – 55) Senator Mayer (R – 25)	2009 Abortion Restriction Bill These long, checklist bills contain numerous new, burdensome and duplicative requirements for counseling, evaluating, and performing abortion procedures that—according to the proponents—are to ‘protect women.’ These bills intrude on the doctor/patient relationship and ignore the standard practice of medical care already in place for abortion providers. In addition, the bills create the new felony crime of “coercing an abortion” which removes decision-making from the woman seeking the procedure and can criminalize physicians. The domestic violence and sexual assault prevention community oppose these bills because they can put abused women in greater danger.	HB 46 and 434 – Passed the House 115-43; An amended version passed the Senate 25-7. The House refused to accept the amended version and the bill died on the House calendar.
HB 226 HB 533 Fact Sheet	Representative Emery (R-126) Representative Koenig (R-88)	Pharmacy Denial These bills would protect pharmacies from recrimination if employees of the pharmacy refuse to dispense contraception. Women should have their legal prescriptions filled in-store without discrimination or delay. They also incorrectly define emergency contraception as an abortifacient even though it was approved by the FDA as a contraceptive. They would allow a pharmacist to refuse to dispense ‘RU486’ – even though this medication is not available through a pharmacy, but only under direct contract between the manufacturer and the abortion provider.	HB 226 – Passed as amendment on SB 296 115-43; stripped off in conference committee HB 533- Referred to Health Care Policy
HR 212	Representative Davis	Anti- FOCA Resolutions These resolutions seek to “express the General Assembly’s opposition to the federal Freedom	HR 212 – Superseded by

HR 294 SCR 11 Fact Sheet	(R-19) Senator Bartle (R-8)	of Choice Act.” These resolutions have no actual power or authority but provide anti-choice legislators with another vehicle through which to speak against abortion.	HR 294 HR 294 – Passed 116-40 SCR 11 – Died on Senate Calendar
HB 570	Representative Harris (D – 110)	Additional Reporting Requirements This bill requires abortion providers to report to the state information that is already being reported. In addition it would require providers to ask women—and report to the state—the reasons why they are seeking an abortion.	Passed out of Committee
SB 459 SB 529	Senator Lager (R- 12) Senator Goodman (R-29)	Prison Time for Pregnant Women These bills would criminalize a pregnant woman who goes to term before she is able to overcome her drug or alcohol problem. These bills contradict current statute (passed in 1991) that, rather than imposing criminal sanctions, requires pregnant women with drug or alcohol problems be given priority access to treatment and prenatal care to increase the chances of a healthy birth. Studies have demonstrated that, <i>even while continuing prenatal substance use</i> , obtaining prenatal care reduces the risk of premature birth and increases health outcomes. A jail cell does not.	SB 459 – Hearing Completed SB 529 – Referred to General Laws
SJR 17	Representative Lembke (R-1)	Ban on Abortion Services This bill would change the constitution to prohibit public funds to be used for abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research. Currently, no public funds are expended in Missouri for abortion.	Referred to Seniors and Families

BILLS THAT PROMOTE PREVENTION AND WELLNESS

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	MOVEMENT
HB 339 SB 250	Representative El-Amin (D – 57) Senator Smith (D-4)	Stop HIV/AIDS in Prison Act Directs the Department of Corrections to develop a comprehensive policy to provide HIV testing, treatment, and prevention for inmates within the state correctional setting and upon reentry into the community.	HB 339 – Voted DO NOT pass SB 250 – Referred to financial and Gov organizations

HB 342	Representative El-Amin (D-57)	Prostate Research Development Establishes the Prostate Research, Imaging, and Men's Education (PRIME) Act to expand and intensify research to develop innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection.	Referred to Health Care Policy
HB 370	Representative Storch (D – 64)	Expedited Partner Therapy This bill allows physicians to treat the partner of a patient diagnosed with Chlamydia or Gonorrhea without an existing physician/patient relationship in order to help curb the growing rate of sexually transmitted infections. The antibiotics would be dispensed in pill form.	Second Read
HB 413	Representative Low (D – 39)	Cancer Screening Coverage Requires health insurers to provide coverage for human papillomavirus screenings for cervical cancer.	Second Read
HB 430	Representative Hoskins (D – 80)	Uterine Fibroids Information Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop and disseminate information regarding uterine fibroids to health care providers and the public	Second Read
SB 104	Senator Justus (D -10)	Cervical Cancer Immunization This bill mandates that MO-DHSS send information to the parents or guardians of all females entering the 6 th grade about the connection between HPV and cervical cancer and the availability of the HPV vaccine. This bill does not require the vaccine for admission to school.	Passed Senate 28-5; Passed the House with an anti-choice amendment attached. Died on the Senate Calendar.
SB 144	Senator Wright-Jones (D- 5)	Prostate Cancer Prevention SB 144 establishes a Prostate Cancer Pilot Program within the Department of Health and Senior Services. Subject to appropriations, the program funds prostate cancer screening and treatment services to uninsured Missouri men at local public health departments and federally qualified health centers.	Passed Senate Committee
SB 203 HB 584	Senator Justus (D-10) Representative Talboy (D – 37)	Patient Protection at Pharmacies These bills seek to clarify the duty of pharmacies to fill all lawful prescriptions and to make sure that persons of legal age purchasing emergency contraception over-the-counter are served as they would be for any other OTC medicine, without discrimination or delay.	SB 203 - Referred to Seniors and Family Services HB 584 – Second Read

<p>SB 260</p> <p>HB 520</p>	<p>Senator Wright-Jones (D-5)</p> <p>Representative Mott Oxford (D – 59)</p>	<p>Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies</p> <p>Ensure that victims of sexual assault who present at an emergency room are provided with information about, and access to emergency birth control such as Plan B. Plan B is approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a contraceptive; if the pregnancy is already established, the medication does not work.</p>	<p>SB 260 – Referred to Judiciary</p> <p>HB 520 – Referred to Health Care Policy</p>
<p>SB 316</p>	<p>Senator Smith (D-4)</p>	<p>Comprehensive Sex Education</p> <p>This bill repeals the restrictive provisions around sex education passed in 2007 in HB 1055. This bill would once again allow trained sex education professionals to be invited into public schools and would require voluntary sex education courses to include information on both abstinence and the benefits of contraception.</p>	<p>Referred to Education</p>
<p>SB 329</p> <p>HB 999</p> <p>Fact Sheet</p>	<p>Senator Bray (D-24)</p> <p>Representative Low (D-39)</p>	<p>Prevention First Act</p> <p>The provisions of the 2009 Missouri Prevention First Act are programs, policies, and services that will reduce STI's, unintended pregnancy and the need for abortion. The policies include comprehensive, medically accurate sex education, compassionate assistance for rape emergencies, birth control protection, expansion of women's health services, patient protection at pharmacies, and expedited partner therapy.</p>	<p>SB 329 - Referred to Education</p> <p>HB 999 - Second Read</p>