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Legislative update

... a status report on the Missouri General Assembly for members of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING RESTORED IN DSS BUDGET

In a major victory for domestic violence programs and victims, the House Budget Chairman restored domestic violence funding to \$4.75 million in the Department of Social Services (DSS) budget. The House Appropriations Committee for Health, Mental Health, and Social Services had cut this funding by 50 percent—to \$2.375 million—in mid-February. Rep. Alan Icet (R-Wildwood) on March 4 filed House Bill 2011, the budget for DSS, with full funding for domestic violence services despite cutting more than \$250 million from the department's budget.

Domestic violence advocates from throughout Missouri rallied to protect this funding—making phone calls, sending e-mails, activating social networks and traveling to Jefferson City to let legislators know what a devastating impact a 50 percent cut would have on programs and survivors in every community. Although the restoration of this funding is a testament to the power of grassroots activism, much work remains to keep the funding intact. MCADSV will now focus its advocacy on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will be working on the budget in the coming months.

In an election year session with most legislative attention focused on appropriations, few bills related to domestic and sexual violence have progressed. The House omnibus judiciary bill, House Bill 1692, was passed by the House Judiciary Committee and will likely be a mechanism for advancing legislation supported by MCADSV.

House Bill 1377, a bill that requires drug testing of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) applicants, was passed by the House in early February. Its companion bill, Senate Bill 607, has been debated several times on the Senate floor. MCADSV will continue to advocate against these bills, which could cost between \$2 and \$7 million to implement.

GET COPIES OF BILLS AND FOLLOW THEIR PROGRESS ONLINE

Copies of bills introduced during the 2010 legislative session are available on the Missouri General Assembly Web site at www.moga.mo.gov. Click on "Joint Bill Tracking" to view bills by number. Final versions of passed legislation are noted as "truly agreed and finally passed." Summaries of bills are also available.

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APPROPRIATIONS

HB 2011

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DV
FUNDING**

NEXT STEP

House Budget
Committee
hearings

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET: FUNDING RESTORED BY HOUSE BUDGET CHAIRMAN

Sponsor: House Budget Committee Chairman, Rep. Alan Icet, R-Wildwood

State domestic violence funding was restored on Thursday, March 4, by the House Budget Chairman Alan Icet (R-Wildwood) in his Department of Social Services appropriations bill, House Bill 2011. The restoration of domestic violence funding to current levels of \$4.75 million in state funds was included in the Chairman's budget bill that did not include a 50 percent cut in state domestic violence funding—\$2.375 million—that had been recommended by the House Appropriations Committee for Health, Mental Health and Social Services. Chairman Icet's bill will be the basis of House Budget Committee deliberations on the budgets for each state department. Those hearings will begin March 15 after the legislative spring break, March 8-12.

BILL HISTORY

01/20/10	Governor released proposed state budget
02/10/10	Bill filed
02/17/10	Passed by House Appropriations Committee with amendments
02/24/10	Hearing held by House Budget Committee

HB 2008

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NEXT STEP

House Budget
Committee
hearings

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET: VOCA, STOP, SSVF GRANTS

Sponsor: House Budget Committee Chairman, Rep. Alan Icet, R-Wildwood

House Bill 2008 contains the Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the Department of Public Safety. The bill includes the following amounts, which are not changed from the current year's appropriations: Victims of Crime Act: \$7.5 million (estimated); STOP grants: \$2,499,500 (estimated); SSVF grants: \$4,950,000 million (estimated).

BILL HISTORY

01/20/10	Governor released proposed state budget
02/10/10	Bill filed
02/24/10	Hearing held by House Budget Committee

FUNDING FOR SHELTERS

HB 1791

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
referral to
committee

BILL WOULD INCREASE FINES TO SUPPORT DV FUNDING

Sponsor: Rep. Paul LeVota, D-Independence

House Bill 1791 would increase the amount of fines for ordinance violations that city or county governments could pass to support operating expenses for local domestic violence shelters. The bill would increase the fines from the current \$2 per conviction to \$4. HB 1791 was included in the House omnibus judiciary bill, House Bill 1692, and is not likely to proceed as a separate bill.

BILL HISTORY

01/25/10	Bill introduced and read first time
01/26/10	Read second time

SB 855

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
Senate floor
debate

BILL DESIGNATES FEES FOR DV SHELTERS

Sponsor: Sen. Kurt Schaefer, R-Columbia

Senate Bill 855 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee with an amendment designating \$10 from “heritage” birth certificates and marriage licenses to domestic violence shelters. The ornate heritage birth certificates and marriage licenses would cost \$50. They will also be accepted as an original and official record. The domestic violence shelter funds would be distributed to each county, in the same manner as existing fees from “regular” marriage licenses. The bill has been reported to the Senate for floor debate.

BILL HISTORY

01/28/10	Introduced and read first time
02/04/10	Read second time
02/04/10	Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Mental Health and Seniors and Families
02/23/10	Hearing held by Senate Committee on Health, Mental Health and Seniors and Families
03/04/10	Passed by Senate Committee on Health, Mental Health and Seniors and Families

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES

HB 1377

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OPPOSES

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
referral to
Senate
Committee

BILL REQUIRING DRUG TESTING OF TANF APPLICANTS PASSES THE HOUSE

Sponsor: Rep. Ellen Brandom, R-Sikeston

House Bill 1377 moved quickly through the House of Representatives, passing in early February. The bill would require that the Department of Social Services (DSS) develop a program to screen and test applicants for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) public assistance program for use of illegal drugs if there is a “reasonable suspicion” that the applicant is using illegal drugs (alcohol use is not included). Individuals who test positive would be ineligible for TANF benefits for one year; however, children of an ineligible applicant would still be able to receive TANF benefits through a designated third party. The bill would require the immediate termination of DSS employees who fail to report suspected drug use or fraudulent reporting of household size or income. The bill was also amended on the House floor to require drug testing of all elected state officials.

MCADSV is focusing its advocacy message on the projected costs of HB 1377 and similar bills, costs which range from \$2 million to \$7 million during a time of state fiscal crisis and severe cuts in funding for essential human services. In addition, MCADSV is raising issues related to the implementation of the bill’s provisions due to DSS staff reductions and subsequent increases in TANF caseloads. The state budget director reported in January that during this current fiscal year 194 Income Maintenance staff positions have been cut from DSS; more reductions are likely to occur in Fiscal Year 2011.

The Coalition joined other anti-poverty and advocacy groups in opposing similar legislation in past legislative sessions. All groups are concerned about the lack of available drug treatment services in Missouri, as well as the negative consequences for children already living in poverty whose household incomes are further reduced when a parent becomes ineligible for TANF assistance.

The similar TANF Senate bill, **Senate Bill 607** (Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Marshall) was passed by the Senate Committee on Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families on February 4. The bill has been debated several times on the Senate floor, but no votes have been taken.

BILL HISTORY

12/15/09	Bill filed
01/06/10	Read first time
01/07/10	Read second time
01/11/10	Referred to House Committee on Healthcare Transformation
01/13/10	Hearing held by House Committee on Healthcare Transformation
01/13/10	Passed by House Committee on Healthcare Transformation
01/25/10	Passed by House Rules Committee
02/4/10	Perfectd by House
02/11/10	Third read and passed by House
02/11/10	Reported to Senate and first read

ORDERS OF PROTECTION

HB 1611

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting referral to committee

BILL WOULD EXTEND ORDERS OF PROTECTION TO THREE YEARS

Sponsor: Rep. Gina Walsh, D-St. Louis

This bill would increase the duration of a Full Order of Protection to a maximum of three years. HB 1611 was supported by MCADSV when it was filed but did not pass in the 2009 legislative session. The bill has yet to be referred to a committee.

BILL HISTORY

01/13/10	Bill introduced and read first time
01/14/10	Read second time

HB 1698

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting referral to committee

BILL MODIFIES AGES OF CHILD ORDERS OF PROTECTION

Sponsor: Rep. Bryan Stevenson, R-Joplin

House Bill 1698 would change the age range of those to be protected by Child Orders of Protection to birth to 16 years of age, because of the changes in law in 2009 that allow 17-year-olds to obtain Adult Orders of Protection. HB 1698 has been added to the House omnibus judiciary bill, HB 1692, and is not likely to proceed as a separate bill. MCADSV is advocating for amendments to clean up inconsistencies in current law between child and adult orders. In addition, the Coalition is seeking the less popular amendments that would allow child orders to be issued against violent teenagers. Current law restricts child orders to being issued against adults who harm a child.

BILL HISTORY

01/19/10	Bill introduced and read first time
01/20/10	Read second time

SB 807

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OPPOSES

NEXT STEP

Awaiting hearing before Senate Judiciary Committee

SENATOR AGREES TO NOT PURSUE FURTHER ACTION ON BILL GIVING COURT DISCRETION TO HOLD HEARINGS FOR CERTAIN STALKING ORDERS OF PROTECTION

Sponsor: Sen. Victor Callahan, D-Kansas City

Senator Callahan agreed to not seek further action on Senate Bill 807 after a meeting with MCADSV staff in mid-February where concerns about the bill were discussed. SB 807 would allow judges to decline to hold a hearing for a petition alleging stalking by a respondent who is not a family or household member if the judge determines the order was filed to “intimidate” the respondent. In current law, the court is required to have a hearing within 15 days after a petition for a protection order is filed.

BILL HISTORY

01/21/10	Bill introduced and read first time
01/25/10	Read second time
01/25/10	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

ORDERS OF PROTECTION (CONT.)

SB
893

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
Senate floor
debate

BILL WOULD REQUIRE *EX PARTE* SERVICE ENTERED INTO MULES WITHIN 24 HOURS

Sponsor: Sen. Rita Days, D-St. Louis

Senate Bill 893 requires law enforcement officers to enter notice of service of *Ex Parte* protection orders into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) within 24 hours and also requires that expired or terminated orders be entered into MULES within 24 hours.

House Bill 1957, the House version of SB 893, had a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee, but the committee did not vote on the bill.

BILL HISTORY

02/04/10	Introduced and read first time
02/08/10	Read second time
02/08/10	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
03/01/10	Passed by Senate Judiciary Committee

HB
2127

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
referral to
committee

BILL INCREASES PENALTIES FOR PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS BY INCLUDING CRIMINAL CONTEMPT FINDINGS

Sponsor: Rep. Jason Kander, D-Kansas City

House Bill 2127 would add prior findings of criminal contempt for violations of protection orders to the current law that includes criminal convictions for violations. By including criminal contempt violations in this statute, domestic violence offenders who receive multiple criminal contempt findings would be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with mandatory jail time. The bill would make the same change for child Orders of Protection. Rep. Kander is willing to amend HB 2127 to include provisions to clarify conflicting language in the statutes governing adult and child Orders of Protection.

BILL HISTORY

02/11/10	Introduced and read first time
02/15/10	Read second time

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

SB
859

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting hearing before Senate Judiciary Committee

PENALTIES STRENGTHENED FOR REPEAT DV ASSAULT OFFENDERS

Sponsor: Sen. Kurt Schaefer, R-Columbia

In current law, a person who has committed the crime of assault in the third degree or domestic assault in the third degree more than two times is guilty of a Class D felony for any subsequent commission of such offenses. Senate Bill 859 would change the penalties for these repeat domestic assault offenders. Under SB 859, a person who has committed the crime of assault or domestic assault, regardless of the degree of the offense, more than two times is guilty of a Class D felony for any subsequent commission of the crime of assault. The bill has not yet received a committee hearing.

BILL HISTORY

01/28/10	Bill introduced and read first time
02/04/10	Read second time
02/04/10	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

HB
1427

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting referral to committee

BILL CREATES CRIME OF CYBER-STALKING

Sponsor: Rep. Kenny Bierman, D-St. Louis

House Bill 1427 would expand the definitions of stalking to include a full range of electronic communications and GPS tracking devices used to commit stalking. It includes a newly created crime of “cyber-stalking.” MCADSV is supporting HB 1427 yet might advocate for amendments to the bill to ensure that its content—an explicit list of actions that constitute harassment and stalking—do not have unintended consequences for prosecution of cases should an offender commit an action that is not included. The Coalition is working with the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services regarding these concerns. The bill has not yet been referred to a committee.

BILL HISTORY

12/18/09	Bill filed
01/06/10	Read first time
01/07/10	Read second time

HB
1338

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NO POSITION

NEXT STEP

Awaiting referral to committee

BILL INCREASES PENALTIES FOR HARASSMENT

Sponsor: Rep. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, D-University City

House Bill 1338 would increase the penalty for harassment from a misdemeanor to a class D felony. MCADSV is working to identify consensus among prosecutors on HB 1338. Supporters seek a higher penalty to enable more filings in jurisdictions with limited resources to file misdemeanor cases of harassment. Others have concerns that a felony charge would increase evidence standards and make cases harder to prosecute. The bill has not yet been referred to a committee.

BILL HISTORY

12/08/09	Bill filed
01/06/10	Read first time
01/07/10	Read second time

CRIMINAL OFFENSES (CONT.)

SB
857

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SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting hearing before Senate Judiciary Committee

BILL INCREASES PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN SEX CRIMES

Sponsor: Sen. Kurt Schaefer, R-Columbia

Senate Bill 857 would modify the definition of “dangerous felonies” to include the crimes of statutory rape or sodomy in the second degree, sexual assault, child molestation, sexual misconduct involving a child, and sexual abuse. It also would modify the definition to include statutory rape or sodomy in the first degree regardless of the child’s age and attempted forcible rape or sodomy regardless if physical injury results. A person convicted of a “dangerous felony” must serve 85 percent of his or her prison sentence. The bill has not yet received a committee hearing.

BILL HISTORY

01/28/10	Bill introduced and read first time
02/04/10	Read second time
02/04/10	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

HB
1867

MCADSV



NO POSITION

NEXT STEP

Awaiting referral to committee

BILL WOULD EXEMPT DV VICTIMS FROM MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Sponsor: Rep. Paul LeVota, D-Independence

The sponsor of House Bill 1867 agreed to file the bill with an amendment proposed by MCADSV to exempt domestic violence victims from being legally mandated child abuse reporters when they suspect or witness child abuse in their households. MCADSV has opposed similar bills filed in past sessions by Rep. LeVota that did not contain this protection for battered mothers and domestic violence victims. HB 1867 would require child abuse reporting by an adult family or household member but limits this mandate to “any adult person who resides in the same household and witnesses the abuse or neglect or possible abuse or neglect of a child and who is not subjected to the same suspected abusive conditions or circumstances as the child.” The bill has not yet been referred to a committee.

BILL HISTORY

01/28/10	Bill introduced and read first time
02/01/10	Read second time

COERCED ABORTION

HBs 1327 & 2000

MCADSV



OPPOSES
coercion
provisions

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
hearing by
House Rules
Committee

COERCED ABORTION BILL PASSED BY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Rep. Cynthia Davis, R-O’Fallon and Rep. Bryan Pratt, R-Blue Springs

House Committee Substitute for House Bills 1327 & 2000, similar to legislation that failed in past legislative sessions, contains additional requirements for personnel and medical facilities that perform abortions and would create a new crime of “coercion of abortion.” HBs 1327 & 2000 define coercion of an abortion as occurring through domestic violence, stalking or other acts (filing for divorce, withdrawing financial support, etc.) that are intended to cause a woman to seek or obtain an abortion against her will. As a result, the bills could be interpreted as classifying any abortion as coerced if the woman had been a victim of rape, incest or domestic violence. This could restrict victims’ access to abortion because medical professionals would be guilty of a Class C felony if they perform an abortion on a woman who was later found to have been coerced. The bill was passed by the House Committee on Children and Families in late February.

COMPANION BILLS MOVE FORWARD

House Bill 1238 (Rep. Cynthia Davis, R-O’Fallon) would not create the crime of coerced abortion but includes new requirements for abortion providers and would penalize doctors who perform abortions on women who were coerced. This bill has been heard by the House Committee on Children and Families but has not yet been voted on by the committee. **Senate Bill 793** (Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter), would create new requirements for abortion providers, but does not create the crime of coerced abortion or penalize doctors who perform these abortions. SB 793 has been passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee and debated on the Senate floor without a vote taken. MCADSV has no position on this bill.

BILL HISTORY

12/04/09	Bill filed
01/06/10	Read first time
01/07/10	Read second time
02/10/10	Referred to House Committee on Children and Families
02/17/10	Hearing held before House Committee on Children and Families
02/24/10	Passed by House Committee on Children and Families

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FIREARMS

**SB
592**

MCADSV



SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting hearing before Senate Judiciary Committee

NO ACTION ON THE BILL ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT TO REMOVE FIREARMS FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS

Sponsor: Sen. Joan Bray, D-St.Louis

This “domestic violence gun ban” bill would allow law enforcement officers at a domestic violence scene to confiscate weapons when there is probable cause to believe a domestic assault took place and a weapon has been observed at the scene. SB 592 also would enact in Missouri law the parallel provisions of federal law (in place since 1996) that prohibits gun or ammunition purchase or possession by those convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor or those with a Full Order of Protection in effect against them. Last year the bill had a hearing scheduled, but that was cancelled after strong opposition from gun rights groups was voiced to Senators. MCADSV does not anticipate that SB 592 will receive a hearing this year.

The bill also changes definitions of “family or household member” and “domestic violence” for crime and homicide reporting so those definitions are consistent with the ones in the Adult Abuse Act.

House Bill 1958, a companion bill to SB 592, has been filed but not yet been referred to a committee.

BILL HISTORY

12/01/09	Bill filed
01/06/10	Read first time
01/13/10	Read second time
01/13/10	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

COURT RECORDS

**SB
985**

MCADSV



SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting Senate floor debate

BILL WOULD ALLOW PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM DIVORCE FILINGS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANIES

Sponsor: Rep. Jack Goodman, R-Mount Vernon

Senate Bill 985 would allow personal information from divorce filings to be available to title insurance companies, which would be bound by confidentiality to use information solely for their legitimate business uses. A 2009 law closed these records from public disclosure. MCADSV, the Office of State Courts Administrator and the Missouri Bar Association prefer the language in this bill to that found in the House omnibus judiciary bill, House Bill

BILL HISTORY

02/22/10	Introduced and read first time
02/23/10	Read second time
02/24/10	Referred to Senate Committee on General Laws
03/02/10	Hearing held by Senate Committee on General Laws
03/04/10	Passed by Senate Committee on General Laws

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSES

HB 1914

MCADSV



SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting referral to committee

“COMPASSIONATE CARE BILL” FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

Sponsor: Rep. Jeanette Mott-Oxford, D-St. Louis

House Bill 1914 would establish the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act which sets a standard of care for hospitals and health care facilities to provide written and verbal information to rape victims about emergency contraception (EC) and to provide it on-site to survivors who seek it. Hospitals also would be required to post information about EC and its availability, with a \$5,000 fine for lack of compliance. This bill is opposed by anti-abortion groups who classify emergency contraception as a drug that causes abortions.

BILL HISTORY

02/02/10	Bill introduced and read first time
02/03/10	Read second time

SB 696

MCADSV



SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting hearing by Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 696 REQUIRES ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION AND CREATES WOMEN’S HEALTH PROGRAM

Sponsor: Sen. Robin Wright-Jones, D-St. Louis

Senate Bill 696 contains the same emergency contraception provisions as HB 1914, but is more controversial as it would require educational programs on human sexuality to not be limited to abstinence programs, would prohibit interference in obtaining contraception (either prescribed or over-the-counter), and establish the Women’s Health Services Program to focus on pregnancy prevention. The bill has a high cost, which, when added to the anti-abortion opposition to its content, makes it unlikely to pass, as in past years.

BILL HISTORY

12/01/09	Bill filed
01/06/10	Read first time
01/19/10	Read second time
01/19/10	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 1961

MCADSV



SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting referral to committee

BILL REQUIRES PHARMACIES TO FILL CONTRACEPTIVE PRESCRIPTIONS

Sponsor: Rep. Stacy Newman, D-St. Louis

House Bill 1961 would require pharmacies to honor and fill prescriptions for contraception, including emergency contraception.

BILL HISTORY

02/03/10	Introduced and read first time
02/04/10	Read second time

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSES (CONT.)

HB 1934

MCADSV



SUPPORTS

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
referral to
committee

BILL WOULD ALLOW RAPE VICTIMS TO REQUEST A DRUG TEST

Sponsor: Rep. Beth Low, D-Kansas City

House Bill 1934 would allow a rape victim to request a drug test as part of the sexual assault forensic examination exam if she believes a drug was used to facilitate the sexual offense. As in past sessions, this bill is not moving. Current law gives the Attorney General the authority to develop the protocols for forensic evidence collection. MCADSV has gained the support of Attorney General Chris Koster to use this regulatory authority to include victim-requested drug testing in the forensic exam protocols. MCADSV plans to work with the Attorney General and other interested groups—the Highway Patrol, the Department of Health and KidsFirst—to pursue these changes.

BILL HISTORY

02/02/10	Bill introduced and read first time
02/03/10	Read second time

OMNIBUS JUDICIARY BILL

HB 1692

MCADSV



**NO
POSITION**

NEXT STEP

Awaiting
House floor
debate

OMNIBUS JUDICIARY BILL CONTAINS DV PROVISIONS

Sponsor: Rep. Jason Smith, R-Salem

House Bill 1692 is a large omnibus judiciary bill that contains several provisions related to domestic and sexual violence as well as additional content that is controversial. MCADSV is not taking an official position of support for the full bill and is advocating for the domestic and sexual violence sections to remain in HB 1692. It is expected that HB 1692 will be significantly amended as it proceeds. The bill contains the provisions of HB 1791, which would increase fines from \$2 to \$4 for ordinance violations that city or county governments could pass to support domestic violence programs. The bill also contains a provision that would re-open public access to personally identifying information contained in divorce, custody and separation court filings, pleadings and documents, and would only restrict Social Security numbers from being obtained through these records. MCADSV will seek an amendment to replace this section with the language in SB 985, which opens up this information to title insurance companies only.

BILL HISTORY

01/19/10	Bill introduced and read first time
01/20/10	Read second time
1/27/10	Referred to House Judiciary Committee
02/03/10	Hearing held by House Judiciary Committee
02/17/10	Passed by House Judiciary Committee
03/01/10	Passed by House Rules Committee