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Welcome to Issue 3 of the *Legislative Update*. To make tracking the progress of bills easier any change in bill status will be highlighted in red.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. We again have an index to help you find what category each bill is under. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions, questions or comments.

Just as last year, the bill will be summarized the first time it is listed. If significant changes to a bill occur, they will be summarized when the change occurs. The bill number, title, sponsor, and current status will be reported each week along with the *Legislative Update* issue number in which the most recent summary can be found.

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**Bills are organized in the following Categories:**

- Assistive Technology
- Crime
- Education
- Employment
- Funding/Appropriations
- Health Care and Personal Assistance
- Legal Rights and Responsibilities
- Mental Health
- Olmstead
- Prevention
- Services for People with Disabilities

Note: When "incapacitated," "handicapped," etc. appear in a bill description, it reflects the terminology of the legislation, not the GCD.

### Abbreviations

HB.....	House of Representatives Bill
HA.....	House Amendment
HS.....	House Substitute
HR.....	House Resolution
HJR.....	House Joint Resolution
HCS.....	House Committee Substitute
SB.....	Senate Bill
SCA.....	Senate Committee Amendment
SCS.....	Senate Committee Substitute
SA.....	Senate Amendment
SS.....	Senate Substitute
SR.....	Senate Resolution
SJR.....	Senate Joint Resolution
CCR.....	Conference Committee Report
CCS.....	Conference Committee Substitute
BC.....	Budget Control Committee

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**CRIME**

[HB 1293 – Hoskins \(R\)](#)

*Adds professional therapy dog to the definition of “service dog” as it relates to crimes against these dogs or crimes of impersonating a disabled person*

**Status:** 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 1](#)

**EDUCATION**

[SB 654 – Crowell \(R\)](#)

*Creates the MO Special Needs Scholarship Tax Credit Program*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S)  
1/13/10 Referred: Governmental  
Accountability & Fiscal Oversight (S)  
[Issue 1](#)

[HB 1296 – Lampe \(D\)](#)

*Changes laws regarding the identification, assessment and education of children with autism spectrum disorders*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1450 – Allen \(R\)](#)

*Changes the laws regarding the First Steps Program & the study by the greater St. Louis area point of entry*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1463 – Hodges \(D\)](#)

*Requires public school districts to screen students for Sensory Processing Disorder*

**Status:** 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 2](#)

**FUNDING/TAX RELIEF**

[HB 1213 – Dusenberg \(R\)](#)

*Authorizes a state income tax exemption for certain disabled veterans*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1386 – Nolte \(R\)](#)

*Limits increase in assessed valuation of residential property by the percentage of increase in Social Security benefits for the elderly and disabled who own and live in their principal residence*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[SB 608 – Stouffer \(R\)](#)

*Creates a tax credit for contributions to developmental disability care providers and modifies provisions of the residential treatment agency tax credit program*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S)  
1/13/10 Referred: Governmental  
Accountability & Fiscal Oversight (S)  
[Issue 1](#)

[SB 654 – Crowell \(R\)](#)

*Creates the MO Special Needs Scholarship Tax Credit Program  
(See Education)*

**HEALTH CARE & PERSONAL ASSISTANCE**

[HB 1304 – Hodges \(D\)](#)

*Relating to health insurance coverage for Down syndrome*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1311 – Scharnhorst \(R\)](#)

*Requires health carriers to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders*

**Status:** 1/7/10 Referred: Special Comm. on Health  
Insurance (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/19/10 Hearing Held (H)

[HB 1333 – Lipke \(R\)](#)

*Allows persons who have exhausted their total lifetime benefits to be eligible for coverage under the MO Health Insurance Pool*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1341 – Grill \(D\)](#)

*Relating to health insurance coverage of autism spectrum disorders*

**Status:** 1/7/10 Referred: Special Comm. on Health  
Insurance (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/19/10 Hearing Held (H)

[HB 1357 – Chappelle-Nadal \(D\)](#)

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*Increases resource limits for medical assistance*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1464 – Hodges \(D\)](#)

*Relating to oxygen use in residential settings*

**Status:** 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 2](#)

[HB 1480 – Hughes \(D\)](#)

*Establishes the MO Universal Health Insurance Act and the Universal Health Insurance Program*

**Status:** 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 2](#)

[HB 1570 – Ervin \(R\)](#)

*Changes the laws regarding health insurance to comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act*

Changes the laws regarding health insurance to comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The sections of the bill that relate to people with disabilities include; Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) Proof that a dependent child is incapable of maintaining employment due to a mental or physical handicap and is dependent upon the policy holder for support and maintenance must be submitted to the insured's HMO within 31 days, instead of the current at least 31 days, after the child has attained the age when the child's coverage is to be terminated. Currently, group health insurance policies must specify any exclusions and limitations to the policy regarding a disease or physical condition that an individual was treated for during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the coverage. The bill limits the exclusions and limitations to the prior six months before the enrollment date of the coverage. Exclusions and limitations cannot apply to a loss or disability that occurred 12 months after the enrollment date or, in the case of a late enrollee, 18 months from the enrollment date. Proof that a dependent child is incapable of maintaining employment due to a mental or physical handicap and is dependent upon the policy holder for support and maintenance must be submitted to the health insurer within 31 days, instead of the current at least 31 days, after the dependent child has attained the age when coverage is to be terminated. Missouri Health Insurance

Portability and Accountability Act The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) coverage is added to the list of credible coverage for individuals under the Missouri Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and the definition for "waiting period" as it relates to the act is revised to be the time period that must pass before coverage for an employee or dependent who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a group health plan can become effective. Any time period before late or special enrollment is not considered a waiting period for late or special enrollees. A waiting period begins on the date an individual submits a substantially complete application for coverage and ends on the date coverage begins or when the application is denied or lapses. Individual Health Insurance Policies Proof that a dependent child is incapable of maintaining employment due to a mental or physical handicap and is dependent upon the policy holder for support and maintenance must be submitted to the health insurer within 31 days, instead of the current at least 31 days, after the dependent child has attained the age when coverage is to be terminated. Missouri Health Insurance Pool (MHIP) The bill adds recipients of coverage under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to the list of individuals with credible coverage under the MHIP and changes the definition of a "dependent" to be an unmarried child that is medically certified as disabled and dependent upon the parent, or a state resident younger than 19 years of age who is not eligible for any other group or individual coverage or entitled to state or federal health benefits.

**Status:** 1/12/10 Second Read (H) Issue 3

[SB 606 – Stouffer \(R\)](#)

*Adds comprehensive day rehabilitation services as a covered service under the MO HealthNet Program*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S)  
1/13/10 Referred: Health, Mental  
Mental Health & Families (S) [Issue 1](#)

[SB 618 – Rupp \(R\)](#)

*Requires health carriers to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders under certain conditions*

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**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S)  
1/13/10 Referred: Small Business,  
Insurance & Industry (S)  
1/19/10 **Public Hearing Held** [Issue 1](#)

[SB 722 – Bray \(D\)](#)  
*Establishes the MO Universal Health Assurance Program*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S) [Issue 1](#)  
1/19/10 Referred Small Business,  
Insurance and Industry Committee (S)

[SB 742 – Shoemyer \(D\)](#)  
*Modifies membership of MO HealthNet Oversight Committee*

**Status:** 1/12/10 First Read (S) [Issue 2](#)  
1/19/10 **Referred Health, Mental Health,  
Seniors & Families**

**LEGAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

[HB 1382 – Ervin \(R\)](#)  
*Establishes the MO Patient Privacy Act*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 **Second Read (H)**

[HB 1490 – McGhee \(R\)](#)  
*Establishes additional standards for ballots and voting machines*

**Status:** 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 2](#)

[HB 1572 – Meadows \(D\)](#)  
*Relating to accessible parking spaces*  
Requires any political subdivision or the owner of a private property parking lot, when restriping an existing lot or constructing a new parking lot, to designate one out of every four spaces as accessible, with at least one having an access aisle which is a minimum of 96 inches wide and designated "lift van accessible only" with signs that comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Status:** 1/12/10 **Second Read (H)** Issue 3

[HJR 51 – Cunningham \(R\)](#)  
*Relating to voting a secret ballot*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 **Second Read (H)**

[HJR 64 – Cox \(R\)](#)  
*Proposes a constitutional amendment changing the laws regarding voter identification*

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment requires persons seeking to vote to provide election officials with a photographic personal identification including a valid Missouri driver's license or nondriver's license and cards or documents with photographs or a digital image issued by the Missouri National Guard, the United States armed forces, or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Other documents with both a signature and photograph issued by Missouri or the United States may also be used to establish a voter's eligibility to vote. The state must provide at least one form of identification at no cost to any otherwise qualified citizen who desires one. Individuals born on or before January 1, 1941, who have disabilities or who have religious objections to photographic identification may vote by provisional ballot. The Secretary of State will provide notification of the new voting requirements through a variety of media advertisements and public service announcements and the information must also be posted on the opening page of the official Internet web site of the Secretary of State and the Governor of the new requirements. The Director of the Department of Revenue must prepare and provide an annual report by January 1 to each member of the General Assembly documenting the number of individuals who have requested and received a nondriver's license photo identification for voting purposes.

**Status:** 1/7/10 **Second Read (H)** Issue 3

[SB 666 – Shoemyer \(D\)](#)  
*Relating to accessibility in the state capitol building*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S)  
1/13/10 Referred: Financial &  
Governmental Organizations &  
Elections (S) [Issue 1](#)

[SB 694 – Wright-Jones \(D\)](#)  
*Modifies laws relating to voter registration*  
**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S) [Issue 1](#)  
1/19/2010 - **Second Read and Referred S  
Financial and Governmental Organizations  
and Elections Committee**

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**MENTAL HEALTH**

[HB 1298 –Lampe \(D\)](#)

*Relating to the transfer of a mental health patient from one facility to another*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[SB 774 – Lembke \(R\)](#)

*Creates additional measures intended to increase safety at the Department of Mental Health*

**Status:** 1/13/10 First Read (S) [Issue 2](#)  
1/19/2010 - Referred Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families (S)

**OLMSTEAD**

[HB 1358 – Chappelle-Nadal \(D\)](#)

*Requires DHSS to strongly encourage long-term care facilities to institute policies encouraging family involvement in the well-being and support of its residents*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

**PREVENTION**

[HB 1217 – Dusenberg \(R\)](#)

*Relating to the motorcycle helmet law*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[SB 720 – Bray \(D\)](#)

*Relating to MODOT plans, programs & projects*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (S) [Issue 1](#)  
1/19/2010 - Referred Transportation Committee (S)

**SERVICES**

[HB 1270 – Meiners \(D\)](#)

*Changes the name of the Crippled Children's Service to the Children's Special Health Care Needs Service*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1302 – Lampe \(D\)](#)

*Expands the Amber Alert System to include missing endangered adults*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1334 – Lipke \(R\)](#)

*Establishes the Evan de Mello Reimbursement Program to provide financial assistance for the cost of transportation and ancillary services associated with the medical treatment of an eligible child*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1447 – Carter \(D\)](#)

*Requires the development of caseload standards by the Departments of Health & Senior Services and Mental Health*

**Status:** 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)  
1/7/10 Second Read (H)

[HB 1521 – Nance \(R\)](#)

*Expands the Amber Alert System to include missing endangered adults*

Expands the Amber Alert System to include missing endangered adults, specifies the criteria for being considered a missing endangered adult, and changes its name to the Amber Alert and Silver Alert System. An endangered adult is defined as someone at least eighteen years of age and incapable by reason of mental illness, mental retardation, dementia, or other physical or mental capacity of managing or directing the management of their self care and/or property.

**Status:** 1/7/10 Second Read (H) Issue 3  
1/21/10 Referred Senior Citizen Advocacy (H)

[SB 804 – Schmitt \(R\)](#)

*Establishes an Epilepsy Awareness Day*  
Requires the Governor to annually issue a proclamation setting apart February 14th as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Missouri

**Status:** 1/20/10 First Read (S) Issue 3

[SB 812 – Schmitt \(R\)](#)

*Relating to Multiple Sclerosis license plates*  
Allows motorists to obtain Multiple Sclerosis special license plates. In order to obtain the specialty plates, the motorist must pay an annual \$25 emblem-use contribution to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a \$25 specialty license plate fee, and regular registration fees. The specialty

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plates shall bear the words "JOIN THE MOVEMENT" in lieu of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Before these specialty plates may be issued, the director must receive in receipt of a list of at least 200 potential applicants who plan to purchase the plate and an application fee to defray the cost for developing the specialty plate.

**Status:** 1/21/10 First Read (S)

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