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Welcome to Issue 6 of the *Legislative Update*. Bills are being assigned to committees and hearings are beginning to be held. 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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- 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,

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](#)
1/27/10 Referred: Crime Prevention (H)

[HB 1631 – Pollock \(R\)](#)

Creates the crime of sexual contact with a patient

Status: 1/14/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 4](#)
2/3/10 Referred – Senior Citizen
Advocacy
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

EDUCATION

[SB 654 – Crowell \(R\)](#)

Creates the MO Special Needs Scholarship Tax Credit Program

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

[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](#)

[HB 1879 – Grisamore \(R\)](#)

Requires every public school district to provide disability history and awareness instruction during the month of October and designates October as “Disability History and Awareness Month”

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 5](#)

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)

[HB 1621 – McNeil \(D\)](#)

Relating to the Circuit Breaker tax credit
Beginning January 1, 2011, this bill increases from \$14,300 to \$16,000 the minimum base used to calculate the senior citizens property tax credit, commonly known as circuit breaker.

Status: 1/14/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 4](#)

[HB 1784 – 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: 1/25/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 5](#)

[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) [Issue 1](#)
1/13/10 Referred: Governmental
Accountability & Fiscal Oversight (S)

[SB 654 – Crowell \(R\)](#)

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

HEALTH CARE & PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

[HB 1304 – Hodges \(D\)](#)

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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)
2/3/10 Referred: Rules pursuant to Rule 25(32)(f)(H)
2/8/10 Rules Reported Do Pass (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)
Bill replaced with substitute bill. Check primary HB 1311

[HB 1357 – Chappelle-Nadal \(D\)](#)

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

Status: 1/12/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 3](#)
2/4/10 Referred – Insurance Policy (H)

[HB 1641 – Brown \(D\)](#)

Establishes the MO Universal Health Assurance Program

Status: 1/14/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 4](#)

[HB 1810 – Sander \(R\)](#)

Requires all health benefit plans to provide coverage for habilitative services for children less than 18 years of age with certain neurologic, congenital, or early acquired disorders

Requires all health benefit plans that are delivered, continued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2011, to provide coverage for habilitative services for children younger than 18 years of age with a neurologic, congenital, genetic, or early acquired disorder if a licensed physician has diagnosed the disorder, treatment is administered by a specified licensed practitioner, and the treatments are medically necessary and therapeutic and not considered experimental or investigational. Habilitative services that are solely educational are not eligible for reimbursement. The coverage cannot be subject to any greater deductible, co-payment, or co-insurance than other services provided by the health plan for a physical illness. Certain supplemental insurance policies are exempt from the provisions of the bill.

Status: 1/27/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 6](#)

[HB 1884 – Grisamore \(R\)](#)

Ads prescribed, medically necessary hearing aids to the list of covered services under the MO HealthNet Program

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 5](#)

[HB 1885 – Grisamore \(R\)](#)

Adds comprehensive day rehabilitation services beginning soon after trauma to the services covered under MO HealthNet

Requires MO HealthNet to add comprehensive day rehabilitation services beginning early post trauma as part of a coordinated system of care for

individuals with disabling impairments to the list of covered services. Rehabilitation services must be based on an individualized, goal-oriented, comprehensive and coordinated treatment plan. The treatment plan must be developed, implemented and monitored through an interdisciplinary assessment designed to restore an individual to an optimal level of physical, cognitive and behavioral function. The MO HealthNet Division shall establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria for designation of a comprehensive day rehabilitation facility, benefit limitations and payment mechanism utilizing the expertise of brain injury service providers and the MO Head Injury Advisory Council. Services shall be provided in a community based facility and be authorized on tier levels based on the services the patient requires and the frequency of services.

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H)

Issue 6

[HB 1886 – Grisamore \(R\)](#)

Adds a mental health professional who cares for participants to the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee

Adds a licensed mental health professional who is a psychiatrist, psychologist or professional counselor to the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee. The appointee shall be recommended by any MO organization or association representing a significant number of psychiatrists, psychologists or professional counselors. The type of mental health professional appointed shall rotate with each new term.

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H)

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[HB 1918 – Sater \(R\)](#)

Changes the laws regarding public assistance programs administered by the state

Changes the laws regarding public assistance programs administered by the state. In its main provisions, the bill: 1. Requires health care practitioners who provide Medicaid services to an individual who is eligible for Medicaid, Medicare Part B, and Supplementary Medical Insurance to receive full reimbursement for the services provided except for hospital outpatient services; 2. Prohibits MO HealthNet payments made for eligible recipients for personal care services from exceeding

three and one-half hours per day and 60 hours per month. When need for services is demonstrated, the state can approve payment for up to an additional 20 hours per month; 3. Authorizes the Department of Social Services, in order to provide comprehensive health care, to require prepaid health plans to limit reimbursements to health care providers who are not contracted providers with the plan to up to 95% of the medical assistance rates established by the MO HealthNet Division within the department to enrolled providers to care for MO HealthNet participants who are not enrolled in a prepaid health plan; 4. Requires the division to establish the Psychotropic Medication Review Subcommittee of the MO HealthNet Drug Prior Authorization Committee to review psychotropic medications and develop, access, use, and monitor requirements for all medications approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration that may be used to treat behavioral health issues; 5. Requires, subject to appropriations, the department to provide financial assistance for personal care services for Medicaid-eligible recipients who have their unmet needs safely met with no more than three and one-half hours per day and 60 hours per month. When the need for services is demonstrated, the state may authorize payment for up to an additional 20 hours per month; 6. Specifies that individuals receiving personal care assistance are responsible for approving reimbursement requests through a system that assures accuracy and compliance with exceptions for consumers and vendors and for providing vendors with all the information needed to determine the employer identification number; 7. Specifies that personal care assistance vendors are responsible for reviewing and certifying the accuracy of reports of delivered services and for maintaining and utilizing a telephone tracking system for the reporting and verification of the delivery of services authorized by the Department of Health and Senior Services for processing payroll and submitting claims for reimbursement. Vendors with more than 150 consumers must have the system fully operational by July 1, 2011. Vendors with 150 or fewer consumers must have the system fully operational by July 1, 2012. In order for a vendor

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to obtain an agreement with the Department of Social Services, the vendor must demonstrate the ability to implement the telephone tracking system; 8. Requires assessment reports prepared by a nurse assessing a client and his or her plan of services to be submitted to the Department of Social Services instead of the client's case manager. Reimbursement for the nurse's assessment visit must be preauthorized by the department. All in-home services clients must be informed that the department can contract with a provider to receive complaint calls; 9. Requires all in-home services provider agencies to have, maintain, and utilize a telephone tracking system for the reporting and verification of the delivery of services authorized by the Department of Health and Senior Services for processing payroll and submitting claims for reimbursement to the division. Agencies with more than 150 consumers must have the system fully operational by July 1, 2011. Agencies with 150 or fewer consumers must have the system fully operational by July 1, 2012. In order for an agency to obtain an agreement with the Department of Social Services, the agency must demonstrate the ability to implement the telephone tracking system; and 10. Repeals provisions regarding the process for MO HealthNet-funded home- and community-based referrals.

Status: 2/3/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 6](#)
2/4/10 Referred: Health Care Policy (H)
2/10/10 Public Hearing Continued (H)

[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) [Issue 1](#)
1/13/10 Referred: Health, Mental
Mental Health & Families (S)
2/16/10 Public Hearing Scheduled (S)

[SB 618 – Rupp \(R\)](#)

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

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

1/19/10 Public Hearing Held
**2/16/10 S Formal Calendar S Bills for
Third Reading**

[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
2/9/10 Public Hearing Completed S

[SB 825 – Clemens \(R\)](#)

Prohibits the substitution of anti-epileptic drugs under certain circumstances

Status: 1/28/10 Referred: Health, Mental Health
Seniors & Families (S) [Issue 4](#)
2/16/10 Public Hearing Scheduled (S)

LEGAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

[HB 1382 – Ervin ®](#)

Establishes the MO Patient Privacy Act

Status: 1/6/10 First Read (H) [Issue 1](#)
1/7/10 Second Read (H)
2/4/10 Referred – Insurance Policy (H)
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

[HB 1490 – McGhee \(R\)](#)

Establishes additional standards for ballots and voting machines

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

[HB 1547 – Corcoran \(D\)](#)

Allows voters to cast advance ballots

Status: 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 4](#)

[HB 1572 – Meadows \(D\)](#)

Relating to accessible parking spaces

Status: 1/12/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 3](#)

[HB 1644 – Riddle \(R\)](#)

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Relating to the use of force in self defense

Status: 1/14/10 Referred: Corrections and
Public Institutions (H) [Issue 4](#)
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

[HB 1670 – Meiners \(D\)](#)

*Legalizes the use of marijuana for medicinal
purposes under certain conditions*

Status: 1/19/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 4](#)

[HB 1836 – Zimmerman \(D\)](#)

Relating to advanced voting

Allows any voter who is eligible to vote in a
particular election to do so by absentee ballot
without being required to state the reason.

Status: 1/28/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 6](#)

[HB 1839 – Zimmerman \(D\)](#)

Relating to advanced voting

Allows any voter who is eligible to vote in a
particular election to do so by absentee ballot
without being required to state the reason.

Status: 1/28/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 6](#)

[HB 1850 – Webber \(D\)](#)

*Changes the laws regarding complaints filed with
the MO Commission on Human Rights*

Adds to the definition of discrimination to include
any unfair treatment based on a person's presumed
or assumed race, color, religion, national origin,
ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age as it relates to
employment, disability or familial status as it relates
to housing, whether or not the presumption or
assumption as to such characteristics is correct.

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 6](#)

[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)
2/10/10 Referred: Spec. Comm. on
Workforce Develop & Workplace
Safety (H)

[HJR 64 – Cox \(R\)](#)

*Proposes a constitutional amendment changing the
laws regarding voter identification*

Status: 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 3](#)

2/4/10 Referred – Elections

2/9/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

[SB 666 – Shoemyer \(D\)](#)

Relating to accessibility in the state capitol building

Status: 1/6/10 First Read (S)
1/13/10 Referred: Financial and
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 Financial and Governmental
Organizations & Elections Committee (S)

[SB 852 – Lager \(R\)](#)

*Modifies the law relation to MO Human Rights Act
and employment discrimination*

Status: 1/28/10 First Read (S) [Issue 4](#)
2/4/10 Referred – General Laws
Committee S
2/16/10 Public Hearing Scheduled (S)

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)
2/16/10 Public Hearing Scheduled (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)

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HB 1631 – Pollock (R)

Creates the crime of sexual contact with a patient
(See Crime)

HB 1737 – Storch (D)

Establishes the Universal Design in Affordable Housing Act

Establishes the Universal Design in Affordable Housing Act which specifies the design standards and requirements for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable public housing units so that they will be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaption or specialized design. In its main provisions, the bill:

1. Specifies that the standards will include where the unit is located, sidewalks, parking, entries, mailboxes, hallways, bathrooms, bedrooms, closets, laundry, windows, doors, stairs, kitchens, and recommendations for elements inside the unit;
2. Prohibits exceptions to the four basic elements of universal design which are one no-step entry; minimum door and hallway width requirements; provisions for usable bathroom facilities in the unit; and at least one accessible bedroom on an accessible level which is connected to an accessible route;
3. Requires developers using public funds for affordable housing to obtain training on universal design at their expense; and
4. Defines "affordable housing unit" as a residential structure which a person earning no more than 115% of the median county income for the county in which the person lives, as determined by the United States Bureau of the Census, could afford if spending 29% of his or her gross annual income on the housing.

Status: 1/21/10 Second Read (H) Issue 6

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)

HB 1548 – Calloway (D)

Establishes the High School Sports Brain Injury Act

Status: 1/27/10 Referred: Healthcare Transformation (H) [Issue 4](#)
2/9/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

HB 1581 – Sutherland (R)

Relating to MODOT plans, programs and projects

Status: 1/13/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 4](#)
2/3/10 Referred: Transportation (H)

HB 1865 – Meiners (D)

Establishes the High School Sports Brain Injury Act
Establishes the High School Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act which requires school boards to work with the Missouri State High School Activities Association to develop guidelines, information, and forms for coaches, student athletes, and their parents or guardians on the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries, including information on continuing to play after a concussion or head injury. An information sheet must be signed and returned each year by the athletes and their parents or guardians before an athlete can practice or compete. An athlete suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury must be removed from competition until evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and receives a written clearance from the provider to return to play. A health care provider who volunteers and authorizes a return to play will not be civilly liable for damages resulting from any act or omission in rendering the care except in the case of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H) Issue 6

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)
2/3/10 Referred, Health Care Policy (S)
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

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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)
2/3/10 Referred: Senior Citizen Advocacy (H)
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (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

Status: 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 3](#)
1/21/10 Referred Senior Citizen Advocacy (H)
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

HB 1610 – Schoeller (R)

Relating to assistance for eligible households through the Utilicare Program

Status: 1/26/10 Referred: Utilities (H) [Issue 4](#)
2/9/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

HB 1637 – Wasson (R)

Allows for a “Multiple Sclerosis Society” special license plate

Status: 1/27/10 Referred: Transportation (H) [Issue 4](#)
2/16/10 Public Hearing Scheduled (H)

HB 1661 – Pratt (R)

Changes laws regarding state purchasing as it relates to giving preference to any qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or severely disabled

Status: 1/19/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 4](#)

HB 1882 – Grisamore (R)

Requires certain gas station attendants to dispense motor fuel for persons with a disability

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 5](#)

HB 1883 – Grisamore (R)

Relating to accessible parking

Status: 2/1/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 5](#)
2/4/10 Referred – Special Committee on Infrastructure & Transportation Funding

SB 804 – Schmitt (R)

Establishes an Epilepsy Awareness Day

Status: 1/20/10 First Read (S) [Issue 3](#)
1/25/10 Referred: Progress & Development (S)
2/3/10 Public Hearing Scheduled (S)
2/15/10 S Consent Calendar

SB 812 – Schmitt (R)

Relating to Multiple Sclerosis license plates

Status: 1/21/10 First Read (S) [Issue 3](#)
1/25/10 Referred: Transportation (S)
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (S)

SB 908 – Green (D)

Revises provisions related to the renamed MO Brain Injury Council

Changes the name of the Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council to the Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council and codifies the executive order transferring the Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council to the Department of Health and Senior Services. The bill provides for the decrease of members of the council from the present twenty-five to fifteen. Meetings of the full council shall be held four times a year or at the call of the council chairperson. The bill also prescribes some additional duties for the department, including promulgating rules to prescribe policies or standards which affect charging and funding of adult brain injury rehabilitation services and reasonable rules relative to the implementation of participant rights

for those using rehabilitation services. The department shall also promulgate rules to create a reasonable standard means test to be applied to all programs and services funded by the department. The administration of the Brain Injury Fund is also transferred to the department. Services provided by the department shall be directed toward preparation for education or vocational achievement, independent living, and community participation. There are additional ten-dollar surcharges for intoxicated-related driving and boating offenses as well as violations of child passenger restraint laws for the Brain Injury Fund.

Status: 2/8/10 First Read (S)

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[SB 932 – Shoemyer \(D\)](#)

Enacts provisions regarding office accessibility in the State Capitol building

Beginning October 1, 2010, all members of the General Assembly shall disclose to his or her constituents through the member's internet website and regularly issued newsletters whether or not his or her capitol building office is accessible by wheelchair. Such notification shall also include directions on how a constituent who uses a wheelchair or has mobility impairment may request in advance to obtain a private meeting with the member using the office accessibility protocol required in this bill. By October 1, 2010, the Chief Clerk of the House or the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, as the case may be, shall have in place an office accessibility protocol for members of the general assembly who do not have wheelchair accessible capitol building offices. Such protocol shall: 1. Be used for instances when a constituent who uses a wheelchair or has a mobility impairment requests to have a meeting with the general assembly member in private; and 2. Designate certain areas in the capitol that may be used for requests for private meetings regardless of whether or not a request has been made in advance by the constituent.

Status: 2/10/10 First Read (S)

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