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Welcome to Issue 9 of the *Legislative Update*. The legislators are on Spring break this week so there are no hearings scheduled. 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,

### 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)  
2/25/10 Referred Rules Pursuant to Rule  
25(32)(f) (H)

[HB 1902 – Guernsey \(R\)](#)

*Creates the crime of endangering a DMH employee, visitor or other person at a secure facility*

**Status:** 2/2/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 8](#)

[HB 1969 – Bivins \(R\)](#)

*Creates the crime of endangering a DMH employee, visitor or other person at a secure facility*

**Status:** 2/4/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 8](#)

**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](#)

[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](#)

[HB 1880 – Grisamore \(R\)](#)

*Changes laws regarding accessible electronic text material use in elementary & secondary schools*

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

[SB 990 – Scott \(R\)](#)

*Reauthorizes the children’s vision examination program*

**Status:** 2.25/10 Referred: Financial and  
Governmental Organizations and  
Elections (S) [Issue 8](#)  
3/15/10 Public Hearing Canceled (S)

**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)  
3/3/10 Referred: Ways & Means (H)

[HB 1621 – McNeil \(D\)](#)

*Relating to the Circuit Breaker tax credit*

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

[HB 1784 – Nolte \(R\)](#)

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*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](#)  
3/3/10 Referred: Ways & Means (H)

[HB 1981 – Kratky \(D\)](#)

*Authorizes a tax credit for certain small businesses to hire persons with disabilities*

**Status:** 2/4/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 8](#)

[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 1000 – Green \(D\)](#)

*Transfers certain stated amounts from twenty-three funds to the state General Revenue fund*

Would allow the transfer of funds from twenty-three different dedicated funds into the state General Revenue fund. Among the dedicated funds to be effected are Deaf Relay and Equipment Distribution Program Fund and the Spinal Cord Injury Fund.

**Status:** 2/25/10 Referred: Appropriations (S) [Issue 9](#)  
3/3/10 Public Hearing Completed (S)

[SB 1036 – Bray \(D\)](#)

*Allows senior citizens and disabled persons to defer property tax payment*

Enables senior citizens, fifty-nine and a half years or older and disabled persons to delay paying property taxes on their residences. The act establishes eligibility criteria for the taxpayer and the property for participating in the deferral. Taxpayers desiring deferral of property taxes must file an application with the county assessor who will forward such application to the Department of Revenue for a determination of eligibility. If the application is approved, the Department of Revenue must notify the county assessor who will make a

notation on the tax rolls identifying the property as tax-deferred. Each year, the Department of Revenue will allocate funds from the newly created property tax deferral revolving account to each county with properties subject to tax deferral in an amount equal to the taxes deferred within each such county. All deferrals of tax will result in a lien, to be held by the Department of Revenue, against the property of the taxpayer which must be recorded in the mortgage records of the county in which the property is located. The lien will be for the amount of the property tax as estimated by the Department of Revenue plus interest to accrue at six percent per annum. The taxes plus interest must be paid when the owner dies or sells the property, moves, or the property changes ownership.

**Status:** 3/4/10 Referred: Ways & Means (S) [Issue 9](#)

[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)

[HCS HB 1311 & 1341 - 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 7](#)  
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)  
2/18/10 HCS HB 1311 & 1341 Perfected, Reported to Senate and First Read

[HB 1333 – Lipke \(R\)](#)

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

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

[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)  
3/3/10 Public Hearing Completed (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*  
**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*  
**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*  
**Status:** 2/1/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 6](#)

[HB 1918 – Sater \(R\)](#)  
*Changes the laws regarding public assistance programs administered by the state*  
**Status:** 2/3/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 6](#)  
2/4/10 Referred: Health Care Policy (H)  
2/10/10 Public Hearing Continued (H)  
2/17/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

[HB 1964 – Ervin \(R\)](#)  
*Changes the laws regarding the MO Health Insurance Pool*  
**Status:** 2/24/10 Referred: Healthcare Transformation (H) [Issue 8](#)  
3/4/10 Voted Do Pass (H)

[HB 1972 – Bivins \(R\)](#)  
*Relating to the Prescription Drug Repository Program*  
**Status:** 2/4/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 8](#)

[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](#)  
2/16/10 Public Hearing Completed (S)  
3/2/10 Voted Do Pass (H)

[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 7](#)

1/13/10 Referred: Small Business, Insurance & Industry (S)  
1/19/10 Public Hearing Held  
3/9/10 S Formal Calendar S Bills for Third Reading

[SB 722 – Bray \(D\)](#)



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*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 Conducted (S)

[SB 1007 – Dempsey \(R\)](#)

*Amends various requirements for public health programs administered by the state*

**Status:** 2/25/10 First Read (S) [Issue 8](#)  
3/4/10 Referred: Health, Mental Health,  
Seniors & Families (S)

**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)  
2/4/10 Referred – Insurance Policy (H)  
2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)  
2/17/10 Referred, Rules Pursuant to Rule  
25(32)(f)(H)  
2/25/10 Rules Reported Do Pass  
Consent (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 \(R\)](#)

*Relating to the use of force in self defense*

The HCS changes the laws regarding the use of force by employees of the Department of Mental Health. In its main provisions, the substitute: 1. Specifies that a person will not be guilty of the crime of patient, resident, or client abuse or neglect if he or she beats, strikes, or injures a patient, resident, or client or if he or she uses more force than necessary for the proper control of a patient, resident, or client of a mental health or residential facility when acting in self-defense or in defense of others; 2. Prohibits any person who acts in self-defense or defense of others in the course of employment and does not otherwise violate any provision of the crime from being terminated from employment based on the action and requires the employment record of the person to be expunged on any documentation regarding the action; 3. Prohibits the Department of Mental Health from terminating or sanctioning an employee based on an action taken in self-defense or defense of others in the course of employment against a person, patient, resident, or client who is dangerous or violent; has a history of dangerous or violent behavior; or whose mental state or condition includes dangerous or violent tendencies and requires the employment record of the employee to be expunged of any documentation regarding the act of self-defense or defense of others; and 4. Requires the department to conduct a hearing to determine whether an employee acted in self-defense or the defense of others if a person asserts self-defense or defense of others. Any adverse determination by the department will be subject to appeal in accordance with Chapter 536, RSMo.

**Status:** 1/14/10 Referred: Corrections and  
Public Institutions (H) [Issue 9](#)  
2/17/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)  
2/24/10 HCS Voted Do Pass (H)  
3/1/10 Referred: Rules Pursuant to Rule  
25(32)(f) (H)

[HB 1670 – Meiners \(D\)](#)

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*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*

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

[HB 1839 – Zimmerman \(D\)](#)

*Relating to advanced voting*

**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*

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

[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*

The Senate Substitute states currently, under the Missouri Human Rights Act (MHRA), a practice is unlawful when the protected trait is a contributing factor in the decision to discriminate. This act changes that standard to a motivating factor standard and in age discrimination cases, the standard is changed to encompass only discriminatory decisions that would not have

occurred but for age. The plaintiffs in employment and age discrimination cases have the burden of proving these standards. Currently, persons acting in the interest of employers are considered employers under the MHRA and are liable for discriminatory practices. This act modifies the definition of employer to exclude those individuals. The act similarly excludes the United States government, corporations owned by the United States, individuals employed by employers, Indian tribes, certain departments or agencies of the District of Columbia, and private membership clubs from the definition. The act directs the courts to rely heavily on judicial interpretations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act when deciding MHRA employment discrimination cases. The SS recommends two methods to the courts for analyzing employment discrimination cases as a basis for granting summary judgment. The mixed motive and burden shifting analysis are based on court rulings interpreting federal law and the act abrogates numerous Missouri cases in urging the courts to consider the methods highly persuasive. Parties to a discrimination case under the MHRA may demand a jury trial. Damages awarded for employment cases under the MHRA shall not exceed back pay and interest on back pay and \$50,000 for employers with between 5 and 100 employees, \$100,000 for employers with between 100 and 200 employees, \$200,000 for employers with between 200 and 500 employees, or \$300,000 for employers with more than 500 employees. Punitive damages shall not be awarded against the state of Missouri or political subdivisions in MHRA cases. The act abrogates all Missouri case law relating to exceptions to the employment at will doctrine. Employers shall not retaliate or discriminate against employees exclusively as a result of the fact that the employee refused to violate a statute, regulation, constitutional provision, ordinance, or common law at the request of someone employed by the employer who has direct or indirect supervisory authority. The same standard shall apply when employees report an illegal act of the employer. The act establishes caps for damages for such cases identical to those created

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for MHRA cases with the exception of back pay and interest on back pay which are not allowed.

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2/4/10 Referred – General Laws  
Committee S  
2/16/10 Public Hearing Conducted (S)  
**3/9/10 S Formal Calendar S Bills for  
Perfection**

### 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)

#### HB 1985 – Stevenson (R)

*Changes laws regarding admission of a person for comprehensive psychiatric services*

**Status:** 2/4/10 Second Read (H) Issue 8

#### SB 774 – Lembke (R)

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

The perfected bill creates the crime of endangering a Department of Mental Health employee, visitor or other person at a secured facility, or another person ordered to the department. A person ordered to the department as a sexually violent predator commits such act if he or she attempts to cause or knowingly causes any such individual to come into contact with blood, seminal fluid, urine, feces, or saliva. This crime is equivalent to the crime of endangerment by a criminal offender against a Department of Corrections employee, visitor, and other offender. Such offense is a class D felony unless the substance is unidentified, in which case it is a class A misdemeanor. If the person is knowingly infected with HIV, Hepatitis B or C and exposes another person to such disease, by committing this crime, it is a class C felony. Current law provides that interest shall be recovered on any and all sums due to any facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Mental Health on account of any patient or resident. This act provides that when the account is certified by the department director or his or her designee, rather than the head

of the facility, such account shall be prima facie evidence of the amount due.

**Status:** 1/13/10 First Read (S) Issue 9  
1/19/2010 - Referred Health, Mental  
Health, Seniors and Families (S)  
2/16/10 Public Hearing Held (S)  
2/25/10 S Formal Calendar S Bills for  
Perfection  
**3/4/10 First Read (H)**

#### SB 1059 – Shields (R)

*Allows DMH to enter into cooperative agreements with state and local enmities*

Provides that the Department of Mental Health shall cooperate and may directly contract with all state agencies, local units of government, any of the Governor's advisory councils or commissions and with the Missouri Mental Health Foundation in the delivery of programs designed to improve public understanding of attitudes toward mental disorders, developmental disabilities, and alcohol and drug abuse.

**Status:** 3/4/10 Referred: Health, Mental Health,  
Seniors & Families (S) Issue 9

### 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)

#### 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*

**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)

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[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)

2/23/10 HCS Voted Do Pass (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*

**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)

2/24/10 Referred Rules Pursuant to Rule

25(32)(f) (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)

[HCS HB 1521 & 1302 - Nance \(R\)](#)

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

The HCS 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 Lifeline Alert System.

**Status:** 1/7/10 Second Read (H) [Issue 9](#)

1/21/10 Referred Senior Citizen Advocacy (H)

2/10/10 Public Hearing Completed (H)

2/25/10 HCS Reported Do Pass (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)

2/23/10 Voted Do Pass (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 Held (H)

3/4/10 HCS Voted Do Pass (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

2/16/10 Public Hearing Completed

[SB 804 – Schmitt \(R\)](#)



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*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)  
2/25/10 S Consent Calendar  
3/4/10 First Read (H)

money remaining after paying the state is paid to those designated in the trust.

**Status:** 3/4/10 Referred: General Laws (S) Issue 9

[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)  
2/25/10 S Consent Calendar  
3/2/10 First Read (H)

[SB 908 – Green \(D\)](#)

*Revises provisions related to the renamed MO  
Brain Injury Council*

**Status:** 2/8/10 First Read (S) [Issue 6](#)  
3/2/10 Public Hearing Scheduled. Bill  
Not Heard (S)

[SB 932 – Shoemyer \(D\)](#)

*Enacts provisions regarding office accessibility in  
the State Capitol building*

**Status:** 2/10/10 First Read (S) [Issue 6](#)

[SB 991 – Scott \(R\)](#)

*Eliminates, combines and revises certain state  
boards and commissions, committees and councils*

**Status:** 2/25/10 Referred: Financial and [Issue 8](#)  
Governmental Organizations and  
Elections (S)  
3/1/10 Public Hearing Completed (S)

[SB 1025 – Goodman \(R\)](#)

*Allows \$9,999 in an irrevocable trust for funeral  
expenses not to be considered an asset in  
determining eligibility for public assistance*

Allows up to \$9,999 to be set aside in an  
irrevocable trust designated to pay for funeral  
services, facilities, or merchandise, that is not part  
of a preneed funeral contract, without that trust  
being considered an asset when determining  
eligibility for public assistance. Any excess money  
after final disposition shall be paid to the state up to  
the amount of public assistance provided. Any