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Pro-Life Legislation Advances In Final Days of Session

JEFFERSON CITY – Two important pieces of legislation were voted out of committee this week and await debate on the Senate floor.

This week the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee approved House Bill 1075 and sent it to the Senate floor for debate and final passage. HB 1075 revises the current requirements for presenting information in public schools related to contraception and sexually transmitted diseases. The bill prohibits organizations that provide abortion services from furnishing schools with course materials related to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases, and prevents individuals who provide abortions or refer for abortions from teaching in the classroom.

HB 1075 also allows teachers to include in their course materials information regarding the benefits of a lifelong, monogamous marriage between a man and a woman.

Also this week, the Senate Ways and Means Committee approved House Bill 1485 and sent it to the floor for debate and final passage. This bill authorizes an income tax credit for contributions to qualified pregnancy resource centers. Pregnancy resource centers are nonresidential facilities which provide assistance and support to women with crisis or unplanned pregnancies to help them carry their pregnancies to term. The maximum tax credit a taxpayer can claim is \$50,000 per year, and the minimum contribution must be at least \$100.

HB 1485 also provides two million dollars in tax credits annually for resident adoptions. The act also creates the “Children in Crisis” tax credit, which is equal to up to fifty percent of an approved

contribution to a qualified agency, such as those receiving funding under the court-appointed special advocate fund, and child advocacy or crisis care centers.

The Second Regular Session of the 93rd Missouri General Assembly runs through Friday, May 12.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or by e-mail at: delbertscott@senate.state.mo.us

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