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Crisis Pregnancy Centers

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri lawmakers were successful this year in passing one of Governor Blunt’s legislative priorities: a tax credit for crisis pregnancy centers in Missouri. The House and Senate approved similar legislation last year but the bills were not identical and the measure ultimately failed to win approval.

House Bill 1485 authorizes tax credits worth half of the value of donations between \$100 and \$50,000 to crisis pregnancy centers. The total value of the tax credits are capped at two million dollars per year.

The state’s 60 crisis pregnancy centers rely heavily on individual donations and the tax credits will help boost donations to these important facilities. These centers encourage women to carry their pregnancies to term, rather than seeking an abortion. Eligible facilities provide an assortment of services to pregnant women, such as clothing, pregnancy tests and help with rent and utilities. These facilities do not provide abortions nor do they refer women to abortion clinics.

The tax credit will be administered by the Department of Social Services and will be awarded for the next six years. The tax credit can be used on individual income taxes as well as a number of business taxes.

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