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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 13, 2017  
**To:** Amy Thomson and Dave Andersen  
**From:** Abigail J. St. Lawrence  
**Subject:** Activity report, Week of April 10<sup>th</sup>

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This week's report is early, as both chambers adjourned by 11:30 am on April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Easter break. No committee meetings are yet noticed for April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Senate gavels in at 1 pm on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and the House at 4 pm.

**Note:** MAC is monitoring a far larger number of bills than what is listed and is also active in the budget process under HB 2 as it affects children's services. The following is a brief summary of bills MAC is actively working. Please be aware that the deadline for introduction of all bills has passed, so there can be no new bills introduced now without a suspension of the rules, except for study resolutions. Additionally, the deadlines for transmittal of general bills and revenue and appropriations bills have passed. Finally, the deadline for transmittal of amendments to general bills has passed. While no bill is truly dead until *sine die*, the list of active bills has narrowed.

- 1. HB 23— Provide for suicide prevention among American Indian and rural youth (Windy Boy)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for Appropriation bill transmittal (MAC supports—children and families)
- 2. HB 46—Generally revising funding for civil legal aid (Dudik)**  
\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> reading in Senate indefinitely postponed, April 13<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
- 3. HB 64—Revise child abuse diversion project laws (Dudik)**  
\*\*Chapter number assigned, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
- 4. HB 118—Revise and provide additional funding for state suicide prevention program. (Windy Boy)**  
\*\* Scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in House on Senate amendments, April 18th (MAC supports—children and families)
- 5. HB 182— Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children (Garner)**  
\*\*Tabled in Senate Judiciary, March 23<sup>rd</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)

6. **HB 247—Revise laws on sexual abuse of children (Dudik)**  
\*\*Chapter number assigned, March 31<sup>st</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
7. **HB 264—Revise laws related to adverse childhood experiences (Karjala)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supports—children and families)
8. **HB 298—Emphasize sexual abuse awareness and prevention in elementary schools (Greef)**  
\*\* Transmitted to Governor, April 10<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
9. **HB 321—Provide qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Bachmeier)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)
10. **HB 361—Revise SNAP eligibility (Burnett)**  
\*\* Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposes—children and families)
11. **HB 366—Abolish death penalty and replace with life without parole (A. Hertz)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supports--abolition)
12. **HB 379—Revise laws regarding human trafficking and online advertising (Dudik)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for revenue bill transmittal (MAC supports—children and families)
13. **HB 381 Require school districts to address suicide prevention and response (Lenz)**  
\*\*Sent to enrolling, April 13<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
14. **HB 391—Provide for Montana earned income credit (Jacobson)**  
\*\*Concurred as amended in Senate Taxation, April 12<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
15. **HB 441—Generally revise human trafficking laws (Lenz)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supports—children and families)
16. **HB 467—Revise standards of evidence in child abuse and neglect cases (Treas)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposes—children and families)
17. **HB 468—Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws (Treas)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposes—children and families)
18. **HB 501—Generally revising laws related to boycotts of Israel (A. Knudsen)**  
\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> reading in Senate failed, April 7th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)
19. **HB 517—Require DPHHS to develop a strategic plan to reduce child abuse and neglect (Dudik)**  
\*\*Returned from enrolling, April 10<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
20. **HB 522—Provide for qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Lavin)**  
\*\* Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)

- 21. HB 552—Repeal English language only laws (Stewart-Peregoy)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supports—welcoming the stranger)
- 22. HB 611—Generally revise state laws related to immigration and refugees (Skees)**  
\*\*Motion to accept late transmittal to Senate failed, April 7<sup>th</sup> (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)
- 23. HB 664—Create a task force to study child abuse/neglect laws and legal processes (Dudik)**  
\*\*Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in House on Senate amendments, April 18<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
- 24. SB 65— Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)**  
\*\*Chapter number assigned, April 10<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—re-entry)
- 25. SB 97— Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)**  
\*\*Vetoed by Governor, April 6<sup>th</sup> (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)
- 26. SB 156— Provide for Montana earned income tax credit (Cohenour)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for revenue/appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supports—children and families)
- 27. SB 197— Require child sexual abuse prevention efforts (Gauthier)**  
\*\* Sent to enrolling, April 11<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)
- 28. SB 257— Generally revise laws related to solitary confinement (R. Webb)**  
\*\* Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)
- 29. SB 328— Generally revise alcohol tax laws (Whitford)**  
\*\*Missed deadline for revenue/appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supports—children and families)
- 30. SJ 15—Resolution opposing a proposed Montana Supreme Court rule (Howard)**  
\*\*Returned from enrolling, April 12<sup>th</sup> (MAC opposes—children and families; welcoming the stranger)
- 31. SJ 25—Interim study of use of solitary confinement (R. Webb)**  
\*\*Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> reading passed, April 13<sup>th</sup> (MAC supports—children and families)