MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2017
To: Amy Thomson and Dave Andersen
From: Abigail J. St. Lawrence
Subject: Activity report, Week of April 23rd

The legislature adjourned *sine die* April 28th. Consequently, this will be my final full report. There are still a few bills that need to be transmitted to the governor, who then has 10 days to sign, veto, or allow to become law without his signature. I will keep an eye on those. There are also a number of bills the status of which has not yet been updated in LAWS otherwise. I will also watch those bills, but unless they are simply pending enrolling, it’s safe to assume they are dead.

1. **HB 23**—Provide for suicide prevention among American Indian and rural youth (Windy Boy)
   **Missed deadline for Appropriation bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)**

2. **HB 46**—Generally revising funding for civil legal aid (Dudik)
   **2nd reading in Senate indefinitely postponed, April 13th (MAC supported—children and families)**

3. **HB 64**—Revise child abuse diversion project laws (Dudik)
   **Chapter number assigned, April 3rd (MAC supported—children and families)**

4. **HB 118**—Revise and provide additional funding for state suicide prevention program. (Windy Boy)
   **Chapter number assigned, April 25th (MAC supported—children and families)**

5. **HB 182**—Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children (Garner)
   **Tabled in Senate Judiciary, March 23rd (MAC supported—children and families)**

6. **HB 247**—Revise laws on sexual abuse of children (Dudik)
   **Chapter number assigned, March 31st (MAC supported—children and families)**

7. **HB 264**—Revise laws related to adverse childhood experiences (Karjala)
   **Missed deadline for appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)**
8. HB 298—Emphasize sexual abuse awareness and prevention in elementary schools (Greef)
   **Chapter number assigned, April 20th (MAC supported—children and families)

9. HB 321—Provide qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Bachmeier)
   **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)

10. HB 361—Revise SNAP eligibility (Burnett)
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)

11. HB 366—Abolish death penalty and replace with life without parole (A. Hertz)
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—abolition)

12. HB 379—Revise laws regarding human trafficking and online advertising (Dudik)
    **Missed deadline for revenue bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)

13. HB 381 Require school districts to address suicide prevention and response (Lenz)
    **Returned from enrolling, April 18th; Speaker’s signature pending (MAC supported—children and families)

14. HB 391—Provide for Montana earned income credit (Jacobson)
    **Returned from enrolling, April 28th; Speaker’s signature pending (MAC supported—children and families)

15. HB 441—Generally revise human trafficking laws (Lenz)
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)

16. HB 467—Revise standards of evidence in child abuse and neglect cases (Trebas)
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)

17. HB 468—Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws (Trebas)
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)

18. HB 501—Generally revising laws related to boycotts of Israel (A. Knudsen)
    **3rd reading in Senate failed, April 7th (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)

19. HB 517—Require DPHHS to develop a strategic plan to reduce child abuse and neglect (Dudik)
    **Returned from enrolling, April 10th; Speaker’s signature pending (MAC supported—children and families)

20. HB 522—Provide for qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Lavin)
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)

21. HB 552—Repeal English language only laws (Stewart-Peregoy)
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—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 7th (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)

23. HB 664—Create a task force to study child abuse/neglect laws and legal processes (Dudik)
   **Tabled in Senate Judiciary, April 20th (MAC supported—children and families)

24. HJ 41—Interim study of DOC facilities and community corrections programs (Kelker)
   **Referred to Senate Judiciary, April 25th; not heard in committee (MAC supported—children and families and re-entry)

25. SB 65—Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)
   **Chapter number assigned, April 10th (MAC supported—re-entry)

26. SB 97—Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)
   **Vetoed by Governor, April 6th (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)

27. SB 156—Provide for Montana earned income tax credit (Cohenour)
   **Missed deadline for revenue/appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)

28. SB 197—Require child sexual abuse prevention efforts (Gauthier)
   **Signed by Speaker, April 27th; transmittal to Governor pending (MAC supported—children and families)

29. SB 257—Generally revise laws related to solitary confinement (R. Webb)
   **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)

30. SB 328—Generally revise alcohol tax laws (Whitford)
   **Missed deadline for revenue/appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)

31. SJ 15—Resolution opposing a proposed Montana Supreme Court rule (Howard)
   **Filed with Secretary of State, April 25th (MAC opposed—children and families; welcoming the stranger)

32. SJ 25—Interim study of use of solitary confinement (R. Webb)
   **Returned from enrolling, April 28th; President’s signature pending (MAC supported—children and families)