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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 10, 2017
To: Amy Thomson and Dave Andersen
From: Abigail J. St. Lawrence
Subject: Activity report, Week of April 3

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)**
**Tabled in Committee, March 28th (MAC supports—children and families)
- 2. HB 46—Generally revising funding for civil legal aid (Dudik)**
**Hearing in Senate Judiciary, April 6th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)
- 3. HB 64—Revise child abuse diversion project laws (Dudik)**
**Chapter number assigned, April 3rd (MAC supports—children and families)
- 4. HB 118—Revise and provide additional funding for state suicide prevention program. (Windy Boy)**
** Scheduled for Senate third reading, April 10th (MAC supports—children and families)
- 5. HB 182— Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children (Garner)**
**Tabled in Senate Judiciary, March 23rd (MAC supports—children and families)
- 6. HB 247—Revise laws on sexual abuse of children (Dudik)**
**Chapter number assigned, March 31st (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)**
** Signed by speaker, April 6th (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)**
**Returned to House with Senate amendments, March 27th (MAC supports—children and families)
14. **HB 391—Provide for Montana earned income credit (Jacobson)**
**Bill concurred in by Senate Taxation, April 7th (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)**
**3rd 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 to House, April 7 (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 suspend rules and allow Senate to accept after transmittal failed, April 7th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)
- 23. HB 664—Create a task force to study child abuse/neglect laws and legal processes (Dudik)**
**Hearing in House Judiciary, April 6th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)
- 24. SB 65— Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)**
**Transmitted to Governor, March 31st (MAC supports—re-entry)
- 25. SB 97— Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)**
**Vetoed by Governor, April 6th (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)**
** Returned to Senate with amendments, April 7th (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)**
**Scheduled for House 3rd reading, April 10th (MAC opposes—children and families; welcoming the stranger)
- 31. SJ 25—Interim study of use of solitary confinement (R. Webb)**
**Hearing in Senate Judiciary, April 7th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)