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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2, 2017
To: Amy Thomson and Dave Andersen
From: Abigail J. St. Lawrence
Subject: Activity report, Week of March 27th

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, so 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)**
**Referred to Senate Judiciary, April 1st (MAC supports—children and families)
3. **HB 64—Revise child abuse diversion project laws. (Dudik)**
**Transmitted to Governor, March 29th (MAC supports—children and families)
4. **HB 118—Revise and provide additional funding for state suicide prevention program. (Windy Boy)**
** Referred to Senate State Administration (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)**
**Signed by Governor, March 31st (MAC supports—children and families)
7. **HB 298—Emphasize sexual abuse awareness and prevention in elementary schools (Greef)**
**Scheduled for second reading in House on Senate amendments, April 3rd (MAC supports—children and families)

- 8. HB 361—Revise SNAP eligibility (Burnett)**
** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)
- 9. HB 366—Abolish death penalty and replace with life w/o parole (A. Hertz)**
**Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported--abolition)
- 10. Require school districts to address suicide prevention and response (Lenz)**
**Returned to House with Senate amendments, March 27th (MAC supports—children and families)
- 11. HB 391—Provide for Montana earned income credit (Jacobson)**
**Referred to Senate Taxation, March 25th (MAC supports—children and families)
- 12. HB 441—Generally revise human trafficking laws (Lenz)**
**Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)
- 13. HB 467—Revise standards of evidence in child abuse and neglect cases (Treas)**
**Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)
- 14. HB 468—Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws (Treas)**
**Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)
- 15. HB 501—Generally revising laws related to boycotts of Israel (A. Knudsen)**
**Committee vote failed in Senate State Administration, March 17th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)
- 16. HB 517—Require DPHHS to develop a strategic plan to reduce child abuse and neglect (Dudik)**
**Hearing in Senate Public Health, March 22nd; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)
- 17. HB 522—Provide for qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Lavin)**
** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)
- 18. HB 552—Repeal English language only laws (Stewart-Peregoy)**
**Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—welcoming the stranger)
- 19. HB 611—Generally revise state laws related to immigration and refugees (Skees)**
**Missed deadline for revenue/appropriations bill transmittal (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)
- 20. HB 664—Create a task force to study child abuse/neglect laws and legal processes (Dudik)**
**Referred to House Judiciary, March 27th (MAC supports—children and families)
- 21. SB 65— Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)**
**Transmitted to Governor, March 29th (MAC supports—re-entry)

- 22. SB 97— Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)**
** Transmitted to Governor, March 29th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)
- 23. SB 156— Provide for Montana earned income tax credit (Cohenour)**
**Missed deadline for revenue/appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)
- 24. SB 197— Require child sexual abuse prevention efforts (Gauthier)**
** Hearing in House Judiciary, March 31st; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)
- 25. SB 257— Generally revise laws related to solitary confinement (R. Webb)**
** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)
- 26. SB 328— Generally revise alcohol tax laws (Whitford)**
**Missed deadline for revenue/appropriations bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)
- 27. SJ 15—Resolution opposing a proposed Montana Supreme Court rule (Howard)**
**House Judiciary concurred, March 31st (MAC opposes—children and families; welcoming the stranger)
- 28. LC 2469—Interim study of use of solitary confinement (Abbott)**
**Draft to requester for review, March 30th (MAC supports—children and families)