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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2017
To: Amy Thomson and Dave Andersen
From: Abigail J. St. Lawrence
Subject: Activity report, Week of March 13th

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. There are also still a number of unintroduced appropriations and revenue bills that MAC is monitoring and will be added to the list if they are introduced. The following is a brief summary of bills MAC is actively working.

1. **HB 23— Provide for suicide prevention among American Indian and rural youth (Windy Boy)**
**Hearing, House Appropriations, Jan. 23rd; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)
2. **HB 46—Generally revising funding for civil legal aid. (Dudik)**
**Tabled in House Appropriations, Jan. 31st (MAC supported—prisoner reintegration)
3. **HB 64—Revise child abuse diversion project laws. (Dudik)**
**Hearing in Senate Finance and Claims, March 21st (MAC supports—children and families)
4. **HB 118—Revise and provide additional funding for state suicide prevention program. (Windy Boy)**
** Hearing, House Appropriations, Jan. 19th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)
5. **HB 182— Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children (Garner)**
**Hearing in Senate Judiciary March 15th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)
6. **HB 247—Revise laws on sexual abuse of children (Dudik)**
**Returned from enrolling, March 14th (MAC supports—children and families)
7. **HB 361—Revise SNAP eligibility (Burnett)**
** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)
8. **HB 366—Abolish death penalty and replace with life w/o parole (A. Hertz)**

- **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported--abolition)**
- 9. HB 391—Provide for Montana earned income credit (Jacobson)**
****Referred to House Appropriations, March 15th (MAC supports—children and families)**
 - 10. HB 441—Generally revise human trafficking laws (Lenz)**
****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)**
 - 11. HB 467—Revise standards of evidence in child abuse and neglect cases (Treas)**
****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)**
 - 12. HB 468—Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws (Treas)**
****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)**
 - 13. 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)**
 - 14. HB 522—Provide for qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Lavin)**
**** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed)**
 - 15. HB 552—Repeal English language only laws (Stewart-Peregoy)**
****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—welcoming the stranger)**
 - 16. SB 65— Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)**
****Returned to Senate with amendments, March 15th (MAC supports—re-entry)**
 - 17. SB 97— Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)**
****Second reading in House, March 20th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)**
 - 18. SB 156— Provide for Montana earned income tax credit (Cohenour)**
**** Hearing in Senate Tax, February 22nd; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)**
 - 19. SB 197— Require child sexual abuse prevention efforts (Gauthier)**
**** Hearing in House Judiciary, March 28th (MAC supports—children and families)**
 - 20. SB 257— Generally revise laws related to solitary confinement (R. Webb)**
**** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—prisoner reintegration)**
 - 21. SB 328— Generally revise alcohol tax laws (L. Whitford)**
**** Hearing in Senate Taxation March 17th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)**