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## MCADSV 2014 Legislative Priorities

### **Appropriations: Request for first-time state funding of sexual assault services**

**Position:** *Support*

**House Bill 2011** Rep. Rick Stream, R-St. Louis

MCADSV is seeking first-time state funding of sexual assault services in HB 2011, the budget bill for the Department of Social Services (DSS). This funding request is for a new grant program in DSS, modeled on the current domestic violence grant program, to provide a unit-of-service funding structure allowing programs to provide a range of services. This would include hotline, medical advocacy, counseling, support groups, court advocacy, crisis intervention, and case management. As proposed, the grant program would allow programs to also respond to incarcerated sexual assault victims, in order to implement the requirements of the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

### **Unpaid leave from work for domestic and sexual violence victims**

**Position:** *Support*

**House Bill 1717** Rep. Jill Schupp, D-St. Louis

**Senate Bill 712** Sen. Gina Walsh-D, St. Louis

HB 1717 and SB 712 would allow victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking to take unpaid leave from work to address issues related to their victimization. As filed, the bills would allow two weeks of unpaid leave to those whose employer has 50 or more employees. One week of unpaid leave would be allowed for a victim whose employer has at least 15 but fewer than 49 employees. MCADSV would support a lesser amount of leave as a reasonable compromise. A similar bill was filed last session by Sen. Walsh.

### **Local control over fee increases**

**Position:** *Support*

**Senate Bill 636** Sen. Paul LeVota -D, Kansas City

SB 636 would allow municipal and county governing bodies to vote to increase to \$4 the local fees assessed for convictions of ordinance violations with those funds designated to support local domestic violence shelters. The current fee amount is capped at \$2, and must be changed in state law to allow city/county governing bodies to vote to increase it. The current \$2 fee amount has not been increased for more than 10 years.

### **Criminal Code revision**

**Position:** *Support*

**House Bill 1371** Rep. Stanley Cox, R-Sedalia

**Senate Bill 491** Sen. Jolie Justus, D-Kansas City

HB 1371 and SB 491 revise all criminal laws. Domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking laws are largely unchanged but for the addition of another level of felony and misdemeanor offenses—similar to the proposed new construction for all crimes. MCADSV's requested changes have been incorporated into these bills.

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