



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – WEEK #15

About a dozen APRNs descended onto the Capitol this week for the final AMNP Advocacy Day of the 2026 legislative session. As you may recall, nursing organizations across the state committed to weekly advocacy days during 2026 to make sure a consistent message was delivered to legislators about the lack of health care access and the solution that Missouri NPs can provide. APRNs who attended were well received by elected officials as grassroots advocates shared story after story about how the antiquated laws and regulations in Missouri are affecting patients in their districts. The steady drumbeat of real-life examples resonates with legislators, especially those in the rural areas who truly feel the desert of physicians and often see excessively long wait times for routine care. Thanks to all of you who made the trek to Jefferson City this session. Consistent little things add up, and we are grateful for all that took time to help share the NP story.

Unfortunately there was no activity on APRN legislation this week. We were hopeful that the language would be added to an omnibus professional registration bill as Sen. Lewis had an amendment drafted and ready to offer it. However, the Senate bill handler of HB 2974 (an omnibus professional registration bill) was unwilling to accept amendments on the measure despite being a staunch supporter of APRNs. While Sen. Lewis did bring up her desire to add the APRN transition to practice bill onto the underlying bill, she ultimately respected the bill handler's desire to not add the amendment in order to ensure smoother passage of the provisions (including some healthcare related matters).

In general activity this week in the Capitol, the massive income tax repeal legislation was Truly Agreed and Finally Passed and sent to Gov. Kehoe for his signature. This legislation has been highly controversial from the outset, with supporters arguing that this puts Missouri on par with surrounding states and makes Missouri more attractive for businesses and for residents looking to relocate. Opponents argue that the sales taxes that will be imposed as a result of the repeal of the income tax will raise the cost of goods and services and make many items unaffordable for ordinary Missouri families. Missouri's current income tax (4.7%) is lower than in previous years where it was a flat 6%. The bill as passed would eventually lower that rate to 0% after certain triggers are met, assuming voters pass the measure in a statewide referendum vote. The legislation was filed as a joint resolution, meaning that despite passage from the House and Senate, it still needs to be approved by a constitutional majority of Missouri voters rather than it being sent to the governor for his signature to become law. As it relates to the governor, current Gov. Mike Kehoe made passage of this measure his highest priority. He and his entire team were heavily engaged and actively and aggressively lobbying for passage with House and Senate members.

For the Senate this week, a flurry of activity kept the upper chamber busy as they brought 28 bills to the floor for debate, including the budget bills that will now go to conference. The budget passed without much fanfare despite typical objection from the minority party, with an occasional objection or statement amendment offered from a variety of senators (including the ousted former Budget chair.) All totaled, the Senate version of the \$48.7 billion budget is a pared back version given the expected budget shortfalls for the next fiscal year.

Of the 28 bills, six were Truly Agreed and Finally Passed, meaning they will be sent to the governor for his approval or veto. TAFP'd bills included a bill prohibiting predatory lawsuits for failing to meet ADA requirements on websites, an occupational therapist bill, community service commission bill, and a sex offender registry bill. Additionally, the Senate third read and passed six other bills on top of the 12 budget bills.

On the House side, the lower chamber sent five TAFP'd bills to the governor, third read 15 bills, and asked for conference on the budget bills that the Senate finished up. Oddly enough this year, there has been virtually no game of chicken between the chambers where one holds up the others bills until one chamber finally breaks. We'll see what happens in the final three weeks.

With three weeks left to go and a fair number of priorities still lingering (including the constitutional requirement to pass a budget by May 8th), both chambers will be busy scrambling to pass bills in an effort to get their priorities across the finish line before the May 15th adjournment. We will be looking for opportunities to include our priority legislation in those bills and will keep you apprised of any developments.

APRN LEGISLATION STATUS

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB1635	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB1636	Modifies provisions relating to the requirements for collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB1989	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Dave Hinman (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB2067	Modifies provisions relating to the prescriptive authority of advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. David Casteel (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB2287	Modifies provisions relating to prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants	Rep. Chris Brown (R)	2026-04-14 H - Referred to committee - House-Health and Mental Health - House-Health and Mental Health
HB2391	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Marty Joe Murray (D)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB2556	Specifies that certain medical titles or specialty designations are reserved for the use of licensed physicians	Rep. Cathy Jo Loy (R)	2026-04-14 H - Referred to committee - House-Health and Mental Health - House-Health and Mental Health
HB3040	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-22 H - Read Second Time

HB3065	Modifies provisions relating to the requirements for collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-27 H - Read Second Time
HB3099	Modifies provisions relating to the prescriptive authority of advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Marty Joe Murray (D)	2026-01-28 H - Read Second Time
HB3217	Modifies provisions relating to collaborative practice arrangements with physicians	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-02-05 H - Read Second Time
HJR187	Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to health care professionals	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-02-16 H - Read Second Time
SB979	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Sen. Nick Schroer (R)	2026-03-31 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration
SB1016	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Sen. Patty Lewis (D)	2026-03-31 S - Superseded by SB 979
SB1672	Establishes provisions relating to the practice of medicine	Sen. Justin Brown (R)	2026-04-16 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration
SB1719	Establishes provisions relating to health care workplace violence and advanced practice registered nurses	Sen. Nick Schroer (R)	2026-04-16S - Introduced and Read First Time

For all tracked bills with recent action, here is the activity in the last week for health care/professional registration related legislation:

AMNP TRACKED BILLS WITH ACTION IN THE LAST 7 DAYS

Bill #	Bill Title	Primary sponsor	Last action
HB1945	Modifies provisions relating to health care	Rep. George Hruza (R)	2026-04-20 H - Placed on Informal Calendar
HB2372	Modifies provisions relating to health care	Rep. Tara Peters (R)	2026-04-22 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health
HB2974	Modifies provisions relating to licensure reciprocity	Rep. Melanie Stinnett (R)	2026-04-23 S - ** REVISED for TIME ** - 4/27/26 - 2:45 pm - HR 4 - House-Fiscal Review - House-Fiscal Review
HB3010	Creates provisions relating to prior authorization of health care services	Rep. Melanie Stinnett (R)	2026-04-21 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Insurance and Banking - Senate-Insurance and Banking
HB3088	Creates provisions relating to conduct affecting health care provider networks	Rep. Dane Diehl (R)	2026-04-20 H - Voted Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative - House-Rules-Legislative
HB3401	Creates provisions relating to workplace violence prevention in health care settings	Rep. Brandon Phelps (R)	2026-04-20 H - Voted Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative - House-Rules-Legislative

The AMNP hosted Advocacy Days for the 2026 legislative session have concluded. We appreciate ALL of you who took time to make the trip to Jefferson City (some multiple times) to share your voice and circumstances with your elected officials. Your constituent presence makes a HUGE difference, and APRNs had a weekly presence in the Capitol this year due to the joint advocacy day promotion of APRN organizations such as AMNP, MONA, STLNAP, and MOAPRNFPFA. Although AMNP's advocacy days may be over, STLNAP and MOAPRNFPFA will hold the final two of the 2026 session. You can register for those events at the link below.

2026 APRN ADVOCACY DAYS

May

- **May 6** – [STLNAP](#) sponsored APRN Day at the Capitol
- **May 13** – [MOAPRNFPFA](#) sponsored APRN Day at the Capitol