The LSMS Council on Legislation (COL) is comprised of eighteen (18) physicians with representation across all geographic regions of the state along with a few specialty societies who consistently see legislation filed that may directly impact their specialty. This diverse group of physicians is responsible for considering and acting upon legislation that impacts physicians and their ability to practice medicine. The LSMS legislative staff reviews all pre-filed bills and prioritizes our initial legislative agenda by asking these important questions:

1) Does the LSMS have policy on the issue?
2) Is there significant member interest in the issue?
3) Do other physicians and/or health care stakeholders have a position on the issue?
4) Is the issue politically feasible?

If the answer to any of these questions is “No” then the bill automatically receives an initial status of monitor. If the answer to all four questions is yes, the bill receives a staff recommendation of either support or oppose depending upon the nature of the bill/issue.

The COL met on Saturday, April 15 and reviewed all 855 pre-filed legislation along with staff recommendations for the 2023 session. Ultimately, the COL voted to take a position or follow 108 or 13% of the pre-filed bills, as follows:

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As legislation is fluid and ever evolving, the LSMS does not publish our bill positions as they may change frequently as a bill progresses through the process. However, any member may request our position on a particular piece of legislation by simply emailing their inquiry to govaffairs@lsms.org. The information below elaborates on our scoring/position on legislation.
**SUPPORT FULLY**

*This is the strongest support LSMS can give to a piece of legislation. At S1, we will:*

- Lobby the committee ahead of the meeting.
- Develop a full coalition if applicable.
- Testify in front of the committee.
- Turn in committee cards for all staff present during the meeting.
- Develop information/educational white page specific to the legislation.
- Run a full-court-press on the floor complete with tic sheets and VoterVoice Advocacy.
- Request an appropriate action from the Governor’s office.

**SUPPORT**

*This is a bill LSMS does support but may not impact us as much as others. At S2, we will:*

- Attend committee and answer questions, if asked.
- Participate in a coalition, if asked, AND we believe it to benefit our members.
- Turn in committee cards.
- Have a quiet word with friendly legislators on the floor.

**SUPPORT QUIETLY**

*This is a bill LSMS generally/philosophically supports but has no real significant impact on our members. At S3, we will:*

- Turn in a committee card.
- Answer questions if asked.
- Watch for amendments.

**MONITOR**

*LSMS will monitor bills for the following reasons:*

- It looks like a placeholder bill for an issue that can impact us.
- It is in an area of law that deems it amendable for something that can impact us.
- It is a bill we might be able to amend to benefit our members.
- It is of general interest to medicine or the state and something that members might need to know, but that won’t really have an operating impact on them – unless amended.

**OPPOSE QUIETLY**

*This is a bill LSMS generally/philosophically opposes but has no real significant impact on our members. At O3, we will:*

- Turn in a committee card.
- Answer questions if asked.
- Watch for amendments.

**OPPOSE**

*This is a bill LSMS does oppose but may not impact us as much as others. At O2, we will:*

- Attend committee and answer questions, if asked.
- Participate in a coalition, if asked, AND we believe it to benefit our members.
- Turn in committee cards.
- Have a quiet word with friendly legislators on the floor.

**OPPOSE FULLY**

*This is the strongest opposition LSMS can give to a piece of legislation. At O1, we will:*

- Lobby the committee ahead of the meeting.
- Develop a full coalition if applicable.
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