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2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE!

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PROTECTING CHILDREN & PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

BILL: House Bill 1322

AUTHORS: Representative Wendy McNamara
Representative Tony Cook

SUBJECT: Always remember – **parents** are responsible for raising their children and not the government! House Bill 1322 could have resulted in **over 1,000,000 children in the public schools** – beginning in kindergarten – being subjected to a mental health screening **without parental consent!** Children would then be **labeled as “at risk” (or not normal)** and then subjected to **re-education** as long as it takes to change the child’s **attitudes, values and beliefs** including religious beliefs to be what the government wants!

STATUS: Fortunately, people around the state responded to Advance America’s Urgent Legislative Alert and contacted their State Representative in **opposition** to HB 1322. It worked! The bill did not receive a committee hearing and died in the House. However, the language could be added to another bill this session.

ACTION: If you believe parents are responsible for raising their children and that the children in the public schools should be protected from being subjected to a mental health screening, call or email your State Representative and State Senator with the following message: “Please vote **NO** on any attempt to add the language from HB 1322 to any other bill because children in the public schools should not be subjected to a mental health screening.”

State Senate: 1-800-382-9467

House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

PROTECTING CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS!

BILL: Senate Bill 250

AUTHOR: Senator J.D. Ford

SUBJECT: Christian schools in Indiana are currently **free** to operate according to the **Bible**. SB 250 would take away this freedom. SB 250 would **force Christian schools to hire** teachers regardless of their **sexual orientation, gender identity or religion**. SB 250 would also **force Christian schools to admit** students regardless of their sexual

orientation or gender identity. By the way, if the government can tell a Christian school how to operate, they can tell a church as well! **Advance America** will continue to **lead** the effort to protect the current freedom Christian schools now have to operate including the right to hire their own teachers and staff and to admit students according to Biblical guidelines.

STATUS: SB 250 died in the Senate when it did not receive a committee hearing. However, the language from SB 250 could be added to another bill during the session.

ACTION: If you support continued freedom for Christian schools, call or email your State Senator and State Representative with the following message: “Please vote **NO** on any attempt to place the language from SB 250 into any other bill. Christian schools should continue to have the freedom to operate according to the Bible including who they hire and who they admit.”

State Senate: 1-800-382-9467

House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

PROTECTING FEMALE ATHLETES!

BILL: House Bill 1088

AUTHOR: Representative Christy Stutzman

SUBJECT: House Bill 1088 would prohibit a boy - **who says he is a girl** – from competing in sports against a girl in the public schools. To protect the **safety** and **privacy** of girls in the public schools, biological boys should be prohibited from competing against girls in sports.

STATUS: HB 1088 did not receive a committee hearing in the House of Representatives and died. However, the language could be added to another bill this session.

ACTION: If you support **protecting girls** in the public schools, please call or email your State Representative and State Senator with the following message: “Please vote **YES** on any bill that adds the language from House Bill 1088 to prohibit biological boys from competing against girls in sports in the public schools.”

State Senate: 1-800-382-9467

House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

NATIONAL MOTTO IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

BILL: Senate Bill 131

AUTHOR: Senator Dennis Kruse

SPONSOR: Representative Woody Burton

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 131 would permit the placing of a poster or framed picture in public school classrooms of the **National Motto "In God We Trust"** along with the flag of the United States and the Indiana flag.

STATUS: SB 131 passed the Senate on January 28, 2020 by a vote of 42 to 8 and now goes to the House of Representatives.

ACTION: If you support SB 131, call or email your State Representative with the following message: "Please vote **YES** on Senate Bill 131 to permit the posting of the national motto "In God We Trust" along with the United States and Indiana flags in the public school classrooms."

House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

PROTECTING CHURCHES FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND TAXATION!

SUBJECT: Churches in Indiana are **currently free** to operate their various ministries **without** government control. Churches are of course required to meet fire codes and sanitation requirements. But the government should **not** be able to tell a church **who** they can hire, **what** they can teach and **how** they operate! This includes **all** of the ministries of the church including: Vacation Bible School, day camp, Sunday school, Christian school, etc. Unfortunately, some legislators want to **take away** this freedom churches have enjoyed for generations! **Advance America** will continue to **lead** the effort at the State House to protect churches from government control.

PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION!

SUBJECT: In 2011 Indiana passed the **most expansive** school choice law in the Nation. Every **child** deserves the **opportunity** to get a first-class education and every **parent** deserves the **opportunity** to be able to choose where their child will be educated so they can **succeed** in life. That's what **school choice** is all about. Advance America supported the original legislation in 2011 and **supports expanding** the current school choice law so **more parents** can choose where to educate their child.

PROTECTING THE TRUTH ON DRIVERS' LICENSES!

BILL: Senate Bill 74

AUTHOR: Senator Jim Tomes

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 74 would prohibit the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from being able to issue a **genderless driver's license** by placing an "X" for the person's sex. This is a common sense bill that reinforces the fact there are only males and females.

STATUS: SB 74 died in the Senate when it did not receive a committee hearing.

ACTION: If you support the position that there are only males and females, you can call or email your State Senator and State Representative with the following message: "Please vote **YES** on any bill to add the language from Senate Bill 74 to prohibit the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from issuing a genderless driver's license to someone with an "X" for their sex. The Indiana drivers' license should continue to state that an individual is either a male or female."

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TEXT OF BILLS AVAILABLE!

The complete text of a bill or resolution can be accessed at: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/>.

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-Edmund Burke

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