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2020 FINAL 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!

FINAL 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 it died in the House. This issue will no doubt re-surface in the 2021 General Assembly. Advance America will continue to lead the effort at the State House to protect the more than 1,000,000 children in the public schools along with the right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children.

PROTECTING UNBORN CHILDREN!

Advance America will continue, as we have since our founding in 1980, to support pro-life legislation at the State House. Unborn children should be protected in Indiana. Unborn children deserve the right to live!

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 have taken away this freedom. SB 250 would have **forced Christian schools to hire** teachers regardless of their **sexual orientation, gender identity or religion**. SB 250 would have also **forced 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!
FINAL STATUS: SB 250 died in the Senate when it did not receive a committee hearing. **Advance America** will continue to **lead** the effort at the State House 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.

PROTECTING FEMALE ATHLETES!

BILL: House Bill 1088

AUTHOR: Representative Christy Stutzman

SUBJECT: House Bill 1088 would have prohibited 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.

FINAL STATUS: Unfortunately, HB 1088 did not receive a committee hearing in the House of Representatives and it died. This issue will be re-introduced in the 2021 General Assembly and Advance America will once

again support this legislation in order to protect the girls in the public schools.

NATIONAL MOTTO IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

BILL: House Bill 1066

SUBJECT: The conference committee report on House Bill 1066 that was adopted by the State Senate and the House of Representatives at the end of the 2020 General Assembly included language sought by **Senator Dennis Kruse** that 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.

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 and from **being taxed!**

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.

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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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"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

-Edmund Burke

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