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2022 FINAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE!

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PROTECTING GIRLS' SPORTS & PRIVACY OF GIRLS!

BILL: House Bill 1041

AUTHOR: Representative Michelle Davis

SPONSOR: Senator Stacey Donato

SUBJECT: House Bill 1041 is a simple and straight forward bill. HB 1041 would **ban biological boys** from participating in girls' sports in the public schools. The bill would also help keep biological boys out of girls' restrooms and girls' locker rooms. The bill covers students in kindergarten through the 12th grade.

FINAL STATUS: HB 1041 passed the House of Representatives on 1/27/2022 by a vote of 66-30 and the State Senate on 3/1/2022 by a vote of 32-18. **Governor Holcomb vetoed the bill on 3/21/2022.**

On May 24th the House of Representatives voted 67 to 28 to **override the veto** of HB 1041 by Governor Holcomb. Then the State Senate also voted to **override the Governor's veto** by a vote of 32-15. This vote in the House and Senate was a victory for **common sense and decency**; and to protect girls in the public schools – beginning in kindergarten.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PORNOGRAPHY!

BILL: Senate Bill 17

AUTHOR: Senator Jim Tomes

SPONSOR: Representative Michelle Davis

SUBJECT: Anyone that provides **pornography** to a child should be prosecuted! Unfortunately, current law contains a **defense** to a criminal prosecution for a school employee who does this at the school. SB 17 removes this defense so

that in the future if a school employee provides a student with pornography, they can be prosecuted the same as someone who does this to a child outside the school.

FINAL STATUS: SB 17 passed the Senate on 2/1/2022 by a vote of 34-15; unfortunately, the bill died in the House of Representatives. An attempt to pass the language in other bills was unsuccessful. Senator Jim Tomes has already said he will re-introduce the bill in the 2023 session.

PROTECTING CHILDREN & PARENTAL RIGHTS!

BILL: House Bill 1134

AUTHOR: Representative Tony Cook

SPONSOR: Senator Linda Rogers

SUBJECT: HB 1134 would have helped reinforce the belief that **parents** are responsible for raising their children and not the government or the public schools; and that public schools are to teach children academics and not indoctrinate children. HB 1134 would have among other things, **blocked** the teaching of Critical Race Theory and helped provide a way for **parents** to know what their child is being taught in the public school.

FINAL STATUS: HB 1134 passed the House of Representatives 60-37 on 1/26/2022.

Unfortunately, HB 1134 was greatly watered down in the Senate Education Committee and then HB 1134 died later in the Senate when it was not called down on Second Reading. Legislation will be filed in the 2023 Session to protect children from Critical Race Theory and to strengthen the rights of parents to protect their children while they are in the public schools.

COERCED ABORTIONS!

BILL: House Bill 1217

AUTHOR: Representative Joanna King

SPONSOR: Senator Liz Brown

SUBJECT: House Bill 1217 will help prevent a woman from **being coerced** into getting an **abortion**. HB 1217 would require (1) a woman to be informed that a coerced abortion is illegal; (2) medical personnel to ask a woman if the abortion is being coerced; and (3) medical personnel, if they believe the abortion is being coerced, to inform the woman about assistance, counseling and protective orders as well as access to a phone to make a private call and access to an alternate exit from the abortion facility.

FINAL STATUS: HB 1217 passed the House of Representatives on 1/25/2022 by a vote of 73-18 and the State Senate on 2/22/2022 by a vote of 38-10. The governor signed the bill on 3/11/2022.

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 CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS!

SUBJECT: Christian schools are presently free to operate in Indiana according to the Bible. There are continual efforts in the General Assembly to take away this freedom. The government should not be able to tell a Christian school how they can operate, including telling the Christian school who they can hire or what they can teach. Advance America will continue to support the freedom Christian schools now have in Indiana. By the way, if the government can tell

a Christian school how to operate, they can tell a church how to operate as well!

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TEXT OF BILLS AVAILABLE!

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<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2022/bills/>

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-Edmund Burke

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