



2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE!

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### PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARMFUL LIFE CHANGING SURGERIES!

**BILL:** Senate Bill 480

**AUTHOR:** Senator Tyler Johnson

**SPONSOR:** Representative Joanna King

**SUBJECT:** Children should not be subjected to **harmful life changing surgeries** and medical procedures in an attempt to **change** a biological boy to a girl and a biological girl to a boy. Boys should **not** be castrated, girls should **not** receive a mastectomy, and neither boys or girls should receive **puberty blockers** in an ill-advised effort to change their sex. SB 480 will help **protect children** from these tragic surgeries and harmful medical procedures that will scar them for the rest of their lives.

**STATUS:** SB 480 passed the Senate on 2/28/2023 by a vote of 36-12 and now goes to the House of Representatives.

**ACTION:** Please call or email your Representative with the following message: "Please vote YES on SB 480 in order to protect boys and girls from harmful life changing surgeries and medical procedures in an attempt to change their sex; and that will scar them for the rest of their lives."

House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

### PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PORNOGRAPHY!

**BILL:** Senate Bill 12

**AUTHOR:** Senator Jim Tomes

**SPONSOR:** Representative Becky Cash

**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 that at school. Senate Bill 12 **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.

**STATUS:** SB 12 passed the Senate on 2/28/2023 by a vote of 37-12 and now goes to the House of Representatives.

**ACTION:** Please call or email your State Representative with the following message: "Please vote YES on SB 12 to protect children in the public schools from pornography." House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

### PROTECTING PARENTAL RIGHTS!

**BILL:** House Bill 1407

**AUTHOR:** Representative Dale DeVon

**SPONSOR:** Senator Aaron Freeman

**SUBJECT:** **Parents** are **responsible** for raising their children and **not** the government. HB 1407 **protects** parental rights by stating that it is "the fundamental right" of a parent to **direct** the upbringing, education, healthcare, and mental health of the parent's child. The bill also states that it is **not child abuse** for a parent to **refer to and to raise their child** as the sex they were born with; and for a parent to **refuse** to consent to a medical procedure or surgeries in a **failed attempt** to change their child's sex.

**STATUS:** HB 1407 passed the House of Representatives on 2/22/2023 by a vote of 58-33 and now goes to the State Senate.

**ACTION:** Please call or email your State Senator with the following message: "Please vote YES on HB 1407 to protect the right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and health care of their child."

State Senate: 1-800-382-9467

## PROTECTING PASTORS, CHILDREN & PARENTS!

**BILL:** Senate Bill 350

**AUTHOR:** Senator Jeff Raatz

**SPONSOR:** Representative J.D. Prescott

**SUBJECT:** **SB 350** would stop a city, town or county government from making it **illegal** for a pastor, youth worker, Christian school teacher, coach etc. to tell a child or teenager the truth about what the **Bible** says about **sexual issues** including sexual orientation and gender identity.

**STATUS:** SB 350 passed the Senate on 2/28/2023 by a vote of 34-14 and now goes to the House of Representatives.

**ACTION:** Please call or email your State Representative with the following message: "Please vote YES on SB 350 to protect the right of a pastor, youth worker, Christian school teacher or coach to be able to talk to a child or teenager about what the Bible says about sexual issues."

House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

## PROTECTING CHILDREN, PARENTS AND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS!

**SUBJECT:** **Presently** in Indiana parents are able to utilize a **school voucher** in order to choose the **best school** for their child including a **Christian school**. There will be efforts in the 2023 General Assembly to **give the government unprecedented control** over the operation of a Christian school if the school **accepts** a child with a school voucher. To do this would be wrong and would be **detrimental** to children and parents who choose a Christian school for their child! By the way, if the **government** can **control** a Christian school that accepts a student with a school voucher, then the **next step** would be for the government to **control every** Christian school!

**ACTION:** Please call or email your State Senator and State Representative with the following message: "Please oppose all efforts to change the school voucher law to give the government control over a Christian school."

State Senate: 1-800-382-9467

House of Representatives: 1-800-382-9842

## PROTECTING YOUNG CHILDREN FROM BEING SEXUALIZED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

**BILL:** House Bill 1608

**AUTHOR:** Representative Michelle Davis

**SPONSOR:** Senator Stacey Donato

**SUBJECT:** HB 1608 will help **protect children** in the public schools by **prohibiting** the school from teaching a child in **kindergarten through grade 3** about human sexuality. The bill also requires a school to **notify** a parent if a **biological boy** wants to change his name or pronoun to be a girl and if a **biological girl** wants to change her name or pronoun to be a boy.

**STATUS:** HB 1608 passed the House on 2/23/2023 by a vote of 65-29 and now goes to the State Senate.

**ACTION:** Please call or email your State Senator with the following message: "Please vote YES on HB 1608 to prevent a public school from teaching a child in kindergarten through grade 3 about human sexuality; and to require a school to notify a parent if their son wants to be known as a girl or if their girl wants to be known as a boy."

State Senate: 1-800-382-9467

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## TEXT OF BILLS AVAILABLE!

The complete text of a bill or resolution can be accessed at: <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2023/bills/>

## WHO ARE YOUR LEGISLATORS?

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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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