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2023 FINAL 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.

FINAL STATUS: SB 480 passed the Senate on 2/28/2023 by a vote of 36-12 and passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 65 -30 on 3/27/2023. SB 480 was signed into law by the Governor on 4/5/2023.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM OBSCENE & HARMFUL MATERIALS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

BILL: House Bill 1447

SUBJECT: House Bill 1447 was amended to include language similar to Senate Bill 12 authored by **Senator Jim Tomes** that died earlier in the session, to **protect children** in the public schools from obscene or sexual material harmful to minors. Anyone that provides **obscene or sexual material harmful to children** should be **prosecuted!** Unfortunately, current law contains a **defense** from a **criminal prosecution** for a school employee who provides this harmful material to a child at school. HB 1447

removes this defense. Additionally, HB 1447 **requires** public schools to provide information on **all materials** in the public school library in order for **parents** and **citizens** in the school district to know if there are **harmful sexual materials** in the library. This is important because HB 1447 also **provides** a way for parents and citizens in the school district to be able to **file a complaint** with the public school in order to **protect children** by **removing** the harmful material from the library.

FINAL STATUS: The Senate voted 39-10 on 4/27/2023 and the House of Representatives voted 69-28 on 4/27/2023 to approve the Conference Committee Report on HB 1447. HB 1447 was signed into law by the Governor on 5/4/2023.

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.

FINAL STATUS: SB 350 passed the Senate on 2/28/2023 by a vote of 34-14 and passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 69-29 on 4/4/2023. The Senate voted 42 to 6 on 4/10/2023 to concur with changes made in the House of Representatives to SB 350. SB 350 was signed into law by the Governor on 5/1/2023.

EXPANDING PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION!

BILL: House Bill 1001

AUTHOR: Representative Jeff Thompson

SPONSOR: Senator Ryan Mishler

SUBJECT: In 2011 Indiana passed the **most expansive** school choice law in the nation at that time. **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 **-including in a Christian school** – so they can **succeed** in life. HB 1001 **expanded** the school choice law to give **more parents** the opportunity for their child to get an education in a **Christian school**. With the changes made this year in HB 1001, Indiana could once again have the **most expansive** school choice law in the nation! Indiana is now closer than ever before to **universal school choice** where the money will follow the child.

FINAL STATUS: The State Senate voted 39-10 on 4/28/2023 and the House of Representatives voted 70-27 on 4/28/2023 to approve the Conference Committee Report on HB 1001. HB 1001 was signed into law by the Governor on 5/4/2023.

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.

FINAL STATUS: HB 1608 passed the House on 2/23/2023 by a vote of 65-29 and the State Senate by a vote of 37-12 on 4/10/2023. The House of Representatives voted 63-28 on

4/24/2023 to concur with changes made in the Senate. HB 1608 was signed into law by the Governor on 5/4/2023.

PROTECTING CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS & CHURCHES!

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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- Edmund Burke

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