



Legislative Updates – June 28, 2024

HB 68 The SAFE Act and Save Women's Sports Act

Description: Prohibits puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries for the purpose of “gender transition” for minors, and protects females in K-12 and collegiate sports from being forced to compete against males

Status: The ACLU filed a lawsuit on March 26th in an attempt to prevent the law from going into effect.

Action Steps: Pray against the lawsuit, and that the court would rule in favor of HB 68

HB 8 The Parents' Bill of Rights

Description: Requires public schools to inform parents of teaching on sexual content and prohibits school staff from encouraging students to withhold information from their parents

Status: Waiting to be voted out of the Senate Education Committee and sent to the Senate floor for a vote of the full chamber

Action Steps: Contact the Senate Education Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill – ohiosenate.gov/committees/education

SB 159 Pregnancy Center Tax Credit

Description: Establishes a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for donations to certain qualifying pregnancy resource centers

Status: Waiting for a fourth hearing in the Senate Finance Committee, then it can be voted out of the committee and sent to the Senate floor for a vote of the full chamber

Action Steps: Contact the Senate Finance Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill – ohiosenate.gov/committees/finance

SB 212 Protecting Children from Porn

Description: Protects minors from viewing explicit content online by requiring porn websites to verify that users are over 18

Status: Waiting to be voted out of the Senate Financial Institutions and Technology Committee and sent to the Senate floor for a vote of the full chamber



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Action Steps: Contact the Senate Financial Institutions and Technology Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill – ohiosenate.gov/committees/financial-institutions-and-technology

HB 339 Non-chartered Schools ESA

Description: Creates an Education Savings Account (ESA) for students to attend non-chartered non-public schools with state dollars

Status: Waiting for a third hearing in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Action Steps: Contact the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill – ohiohouse.gov/committees/primary-and-secondary-education

HB 245 Protecting Children from Obscene Entertainment

Description: Requires obscene adult performances such as drag shows to be restricted to spaces where only people 18 and older are permitted

Status: Waiting for a second hearing in the House Criminal Justice Committee

Action Steps: Contact the House Criminal Justice Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill – ohiohouse.gov/committees/criminal-justice

HB 183 Single-Sex Bathrooms

Description: Requires schools and colleges (public and private) to designate separate bathrooms for males and females

Status: Amended onto another bill and passed the House! Waiting for the Senate to concur and then it can go to the governor for his signature

Action Steps: Contact Senate President Matt Huffman and ask him to reconvene the Senate to concur – MHuffman@ohiosenate.gov, 614-466-7584

HB 445 Religious Released Time

Description: Changes the law regarding released time for religious instruction from “may” to “shall” so public school districts will have to honor the efforts of groups like LifeWise Academy

Status: Waiting for a third hearing in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Action Steps: Contact the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill –



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SB 217 Deepfake Restrictions

Description: Requires AI-generated content to use a watermark, bans the production of AI-generated child porn, and prohibits identity fraud using someone else's replica

Status: Waiting for a third hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee

Action Steps: Contact the Senate Judiciary Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill – ohiosenate.gov/committees/judiciary

HB 602 Protecting Homeschoolers from Daycare Regulation

Description: Ensures that homeschool co-ops are not subject to the same regulations as daycares

Status: Waiting for a third hearing in the House Public Health Policy Committee

Action Steps: Contact the House Public Health Policy Committee members and ask them to support passage of the bill – ohiohouse.gov/committees/public-health-policy