



SPRINGFIELD UPDATE 2017

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SUPPORT

SB 64 is sponsored by Sen. **Kyle McCarter** (R-Vandalia) — Religious Freedom defense Act prohibits discrimination by a government body against persons who believe marriage is one man and one woman and sexual relations are properly reserved for marriage. *Bill is stalled.*

SB 78 is sponsored by Sen. **Kyle McCarter** (R-Vandalia) — No contracts or grants for organizations that commit abortions. *Bill is stalled.*

SB 1595 is sponsored by Sen. **Tim Bivins** (R-Dixon) — Creates the Pregnancy Help Center Referral Act. Provides that a pregnant woman seeking an abortion be provided with the name, address, and number of an organization that does not commit abortions and that provides counseling, education and assistance to help a pregnant mother maintain and care for her unborn child. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 282 is sponsored by Rep. **Barbara Wheeler** (R-Crystal Lake) — Prohibits abortions based solely on race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex or diagnosis of Down Syndrome or other disability. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 283 is sponsored by Rep. **Barbara Wheeler** (R-Crystal Lake) — Ultrasound Opportunity Act requires an ultrasound be offered to anyone considering an abortion. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 467 is sponsored by Rep. **Sheri Jesiel** (R-Antioch) — Provides for the licensure of facilities that commit 50 or more abortions a year; requires certain standards; requires the Dept. of Public Health to annually conduct at least one unannounced inspection per year; provides patients be notified if a violation could threaten a patients' health. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 443 is sponsored by Rep. **Jeanne Ives** (R-Wheaton) — The Illinois School Choice Program provides that any State-recognized, non-public school can enroll eligible students and be reimbursed for vouchers available under specific provisions. *Failed in Committee.*

HB 444 is sponsored by Rep. **Jeanne Ives** (R-Wheaton) — Education Tax Credit amends the Illinois Income Tax Act by increasing the maximum amount of the education expense credit to \$1,500 (currently \$500). Adds athletic fees, driver's education fees, and fees and costs associated with certain out-of-school activities to the list of qualified education expenses. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 532 is sponsored by Rep. **Peter Breen** (R-Lombard) — Amends the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act. Bans the sale of fetal tissue from abortions. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 664 is sponsored by Rep. **Tom Morrison** (R-Palatine) — The Student Physical Privacy Act amends the School Code to require a school board to designate each pupil restroom, changing room, etc., for the exclusive use of pupils of only one sex. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 2939 is sponsored by Rep. **Peter Breen** (R-Lombard) — Creates the Campus Free Speech Act. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 3210 is sponsored by Rep. **Jerry Costello** (D-Red Bud) — Bans abortions after 20 weeks. *Bill is stalled.*

OPPOSE

HB 40 is sponsored by Rep. **Sara Feigenholtz** (D-Chicago) — Reinstates taxpayer-funded abortions for Medicaid recipients and adds abortion coverage in state employees' insurance plans. *Passed in House and Senate. Calls are needed to Gov. Rauner: 312-814-2121 and 217-782-0244.*

HB 274 is sponsored by Rep. **Michelle Mussman** (D-Schaumburg) — Allows pharmacists to prescribe and dispense oral contraceptives and patches to any age female if they previously had a prescription. *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

HB 312 is sponsored by Rep. **Sarah Feigenholtz** (D-Chicago) — Allows “full prescriptive authority” for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. If passed, nurses would be allowed to write prescriptions, for example, for RU-486, the abortion pill. *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

SB 7 is sponsored by Rep. **Terry Lind** (D-Gurnee) — adds 5 additional land-based casinos; increases electronic gambling and expands positions at existing casinos from 1,200 to 1,600; gives Chicago a perpetual casino license with 4,000 positions (over 3 times larger than current casinos). *Passed in the Senate. House Committee deadline extended to May 31st.*

SB 629 is sponsored by Sen. **Ira Silverstein** (D-Chicago) — Fantasy Sports Gambling allows gambling from any smart phone, computer or other electronic device in every home, dorm room and office. Attorneys General in 11 states, including Illinois, have said that fantasy sports gambling is illegal. *Re-referred to Assignments Committee.*

SB 1664 is sponsored by Sen. **James Clayborne** (D-East St. Louis) — Expansion of video gambling machines to licensed motorsport parks. *Re-referred to Assignments Committee.*

SB 1886 is sponsored by Sen. **Toi Hutchinson** (D-Chicago Heights) — Allows a person incarcerated for felony possession of a controlled substance to make a motion to change the sentence to a misdemeanor. *Re-referred to Assignments Committee.*

SB 1268 is sponsored by Sen. **Martin Sandoval** (D-Cicero) — Allows non-citizens to vote. *Re-referred to Assignments Committee.*

HR 75 is sponsored by Rep. **Mary Flowers** (D-Chicago) — Urges President Trump to submit the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child to the U.S. Senate for passage without delay. If ratified, the United Nations would establish the civil, political, economic, social, health and cultural rights of children and give the government authority to: take children from parents; remove parent's rights to direct the education of their children; and could outlaw all forms of corporal punishment, including spanking. *Resolution is stalled.*

HB 1785 is sponsored by Rep. **Greg Harris** (D-Chicago) — Amends the Vital Records Act to allow a licensed health care worker or mental health professional to issue a declaration that a gender dysphoric individual has undergone “gender transition treatment,” and not necessarily surgery, for the purpose of changing their gender and name on their birth certificate. *Passed the House; expected to pass the Senate. Calls are need to Gov. Rauner: 312-814-2121 and 217-782-0244.*

HB 2353 is sponsored by Rep. **Kelly Cassidy** (D-Chicago) — The Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act legalizes and taxes marijuana for persons 21 years of age and older for recreational use. *Bill is stalled.*

HB 3355 Amendment 1 is sponsored by Rep. **Barbara Flynn-Currie** (D-Chicago) — Reduces the penalties for possession, manufacturing, and trafficking in heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

HB 3715 is sponsored by Rep. **Justin Slaughter** (D-Chicago) — Provides that the enhanced penalties for delivering cannabis on school grounds does not apply to an “enrolled student.” *Bill is stalled.*

SJRCA 4 is sponsored by Sen. **Heather Steans** (D-Chicago) — Equal Rights Amendment — which, if ratified, will change at least 800 federal laws by eliminating all distinctions between genders, striking down laws meant to protect women. *Passed out of committee. Constitutional Amendments have no deadline for the 2-yr session.* ■



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