



Hi, friend!

We have officially reached "halftime" in Indiana's legislative session! Monday and Tuesday brought us the Third Reading Deadlines for the House and Senate bills, respectively. Any bills that have not received their third readings by that point are now dead.

**To see a full list of bills from this year, click here.** Note: Any bills listed on the IGA website that are in BLUE font are still alive. Any bills that are in GREY font are dead.

The second half of the week was quiet with the Senate beginning to introduce House bills on Wednesday, followed by two days of recess for both chambers. Starting on Monday, legislators will start to hear bills from the opposite chamber.

Read below to see some of the youth-related bills have survived up until this point along with what bills have been defeated.

Have a great weekend!

### HB 1441: 21st Century Scholars Program

Proposes to require that students eligible for the 21st Century Scholarship be adequately informed about the program and their eligibility during the year they can enroll.

#### MCCOY supports this bill.

We will always support removing barriers to educational opportunities for young Hoosiers.

This bill has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development. **Email your State Senator to tell them you support HB1441.**

### SB 12: Material Harmful to Minors

Proposes to criminalize public schools and libraries for having material deemed "harmful to children."

#### MCCOY opposes this bill.

We want librarians to feel safe to share books that represent the diverse values and perspectives of our communities in their libraries. We oppose any efforts to ban books and support the processes already in place for schools and libraries to address book challenges.

#### **[Read more about SB 12.](#)**

### SB 340: Imagination Library

This bill would provide funding for Indiana to participate in the **[Dolly Parton Imagination Library program](#)**, which will gift one book a month to each child in Indiana from birth until age 5.

#### MCCOY supports this bill.

We support young children in Indiana having access to books so that they can not only bond while reading with their caregivers or parents, but so that they will be better prepared to start school.

This bill has been referred to the House. **Email your House Representative to tell them you support SB340.**

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**Email your House Representative to tell them you stand with teachers and librarians and oppose SB12.**

### **SB480: Gender Transition Procedures for Minors**

Proposes to ban access to any sort of medical or surgical treatment for transgender youth including puberty blockers, hormone therapy or gender-affirming surgery.

#### **MCCOY opposes this bill.**

We oppose this bill because experts agree that gender-affirming care is lifesaving healthcare. These healthcare decisions should be left between an individual and their physician.

#### **[Read more about SB480.](#)**

This bill has been referred to the House.  
**Email your House Representative to tell them you oppose SB480.**

### **SB 35: Financial Literacy**

This bill would require high school students to pass a financial literacy course to graduate.

#### **MCCOY supports this bill.**

We will always support educational opportunities for young Hoosiers and feel that equipping them with knowledge of financial literacy will benefit young people as they enter adulthood.

This bill has been referred to the House committee on Education. **Email your House Representative and let them know that you support SB 35.**

### **HB 1407: Parental Rights**

Proposes to make it illegal for child services agencies to consider removing a

### **SB 415: Admissibility of statement by juvenile in custody.**

This bill would make a statement that is made by a child that has been lied to by police inadmissible in court.

#### **MCCOY supports this bill.**

We support this bill and agree with Nicky Jackson, the executive director at the Center of Justice and Post-Exoneration Assistance, who stated, "One wrongful conviction is one too many."

This bill has been referred to the House.  
**Email your House Representative to tell them you support SB415.**

### **HB 1428: School Board Elections**

This bill would allow communities to decide if their respective school board races should be partisan.

#### **MCCOY opposes this bill.**

We believe that school boards should remain non-partisan so that the will of political parties is left out when deciding how children should be educated.

#### **[Read more about HB 1428.](#)**

This bill failed to receive its Third reading in the House Chamber. **This bill is DEAD.**

### **HB 1493: Elimination of Costs and Fees in Juvenile Court**

### **HB 1608: Human Sexuality Instruction**

Proposes to ban mention or recognition of gender and sexuality in K-3 classrooms and requires permission from parents for a child to go by new names/pronouns.

#### **MCCOY opposes this bill.**

This bill erases LGBTQ families and children from being seen and affirmed in the classroom and endangers young trans students by requiring administration to out them to their parents before using their pronouns.

This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development. **Email your State Senator and tell them that you oppose HB 1608.**

### **SB 265: TANF eligibility**

This bill would increase the maximum income threshold for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to 50% of the federal income poverty level. It would also increase the maximum amount of money families can receive from TANF.

#### **MCCOY supports this bill.**

We will always support removing barriers for Hoosiers in need to receive necessary supports to thrive.

This bill has been referred to the House Committee on Family, Children, and Human Affairs. **Email your House Representative and let them know that you support SB 265.**

### **SB 305: Indiana Education Scholarship Account Program.**

child from a potentially abusive home due to failure of the parent to provide an affirming and safe environment for their transgender child.

**MCCOY opposes this bill.**

This bill would make it more difficult for child services agencies to protect children who are living in potentially unsafe conditions.

This bill has been referred to the Senate. **Contact your State Senator and let them know that you oppose HB 1407.**

Write your subject line here. Keep it under 50 characters and add a personal touch!

Proposes to waive juvenile court costs and fees for families unless they are financially able to pay them.

**MCCOY supports this bill.**

This would eliminate an undue burden on families by making courts responsible for ensuring parents can pay for juvenile court fees.

This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Family and Children Services. **Contact your State Senator and tell them that you support HB 1493.**

This bill would expand access to allow for all students to be eligible for Education Savings Accounts (ESA's) through the office of the Treasurer. This would allow parents to receive government funds to place their children in the schools of their choice.

**MCCOY opposes this bill.**

We are concerned that this would take much-needed funding away from public schools and remove any public oversight by paying taxpayer money for independent or home schools who may not have strong credentials or follow state academic standards.

This bill failed to receive a second reading. **This bill is DEAD.**



## Ready to Take Action?

Use our Find your Legislator Tool to find your State House Representative and State Senator. You will find multiple ways to contact them and their staff. Let them know to support children and families when casting their votes in the second half of the legislative session.

FIND YOUR LEGISLATORS

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