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# Legislative Update

New Indiana laws impacting children and families

## 2023

# Human Services

## SB 265: "TANF Eligibility"

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



# Juvenile Justice

## SB 415: "Juveniles"

This new law will make any statement made by a child that has been knowingly lied to by police during an interrogation inadmissible in court. This will result in improved trust between law enforcement and the community and also result in fewer wrongful convictions.



## HB1493: "Elimination of Costs and Fees in Juvenile Court"

This new law waives juvenile court costs and fees for families unless they are financially able to pay them. This will eliminate undue financial burdens on families.



# Education

## HB 1449: "21st Century Scholars Program"

This new law requires that students who are eligible for the 21st Century Scholars Scholarship be notified about the program and their eligibility during the year that they can enroll.



## SB 167: "FAFSA"

This new law requires students to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This will allow more students to be considered for federal financial aid such as grants, loans, and scholarships. Completion of the FAFSA is also considered a leading indicator of college-going.



## SB 35: "Financial Literacy"

This new law requires high school students to pass a financial literacy course to graduate. This will equip young Hoosiers with financial knowledge that will benefit them as they enter adulthood.



## SB12: "Materials Harmful to Minors" /HB1477 "Education Matters"

Language from SB 12 that would open school libraries to be criminalized for having material deemed "obscene or harmful to children" was inserted at the end of the legislative session into HB1477 and ultimately passed into law. This will strip away protections for material that is disseminated for educational purposes and opens schools, teachers, and librarians up to penalties if a parent disagrees with any part of material available in a school library.



## HB 1608: "Human Sexuality Instruction"

This new law prevents schools from teaching about human sexuality from Pre-K to 3rd grade. It also requires a school to notify a student's parent if that student asks to go by a different name or pronoun.



## HB 1483: "Discipline Rules Regarding Bullying"

This new law helps ensure that schools prioritize the safety of a child who has been bullied. It also establishes new requirements for schools to better report bullying to both the parents of the victim as well as the parents of the offender.



# Health

## HB 1568: "Prescription for Hormonal Contraceptives"

This new law allows pharmacists to prescribe and dispense birth control.



## SB 252: "Contraceptives and Pregnancy Matters"


This new law allows an unclaimed long acting reversible contraceptive that is prescribed to and obtained for a Medicaid recipient to be transferred to another Medicaid recipient.



## SB 480: "Gender Transition Procedures"

This new law bans access to any sort of medical or surgical treatment for youth including puberty blockers, hormone therapy, or gender affirming surgery.



 As of June 16, 2023, a federal judge has temporarily blocked implementation of SB 480 with the exception of the ban on gender assignment surgeries, which do not currently take place for minors in Indiana.

