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Hello, Hannah!

We have officially reached "Half-time" in Indiana's 2024 Legislative Session! Unfortunately, unlike with this weekend's Super Bowl, we don't have Usher at the Statehouse performing for us; but while you are hopefully enjoying the game with friends and family this weekend, take a few minutes to check out the bills that have survived up until this point so that you can prepare to continue advocating for children and families for the second half of session!

Any bills that have not passed out of their original chambers of origin at this point are now dead bills. Keep a close eye on bills during this second half, however, because there is always a chance for the language of dead bills to be re-inserted into bills that are moving through towards the finish line!

Thanks for all you do to support youth in Indiana.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah

Live bills we have been watching:

SB 1, "Reading Skills" will require schools to offer summer classes for students who are not reading proficiently or are at risk of not being on track by 3rd grade. It also will require schools to evaluate students starting in kindergarten to ensure they meet 3rd grade reading requirements and schools will notify parents of their child's academic performance.

MCCOY supports part of the bill, in particular the steps to proactively support students who are not meeting reading requirements, but is concerned about SB1 resulting in too many student retentions.

SB1 passed out of the Senate 36-13 and has been referred to the House.

SB 48, "State Educational Institutional Information" will require Universities to post links on their website about acceptance rates, graduation rates, and certain student debt information.

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB48 passed out of the Senate 48-0 and has been referred to the House committee on Education.

SB2, "Child Care." will allow childcare workers access to Child Care Development Fund vouchers to help them pay for their own childcare expenses. It also will lower the minimum age to be a childcare worker from 21 to 18 and allow 16- and 17-year olds to work in childcare settings under continuous supervision.

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB2 passed out of the Senate 48-1 and has now been assigned to the House committee on Family, Children, and Human Affairs.

SB 128, "Human Sexuality Instruction" will require school boards to approve curricular materials regarding human sexuality instruction.

MCCOY opposes this bill because we are concerned that legislators' broadly used and undefined term of "human sexuality" will result in censoring what teachers can and cannot discuss in classrooms.

SB128 passed out of Senate 38-10 and has been referred to the House committee on Education.

SB 6: "Reading Proficiency" will require the Department of Education to develop guidance for schools to support students who are at risk of not being proficient in reading. It also will require schools to identify students who did not pass the determinant evaluation of reading skills or are at risk of not being proficient in reading

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB6 passed out of the Senate 49-0 and has been referred to the House Committee on Education.

SB141, "Education Matters." will require schools to ensure that at least 60% of a school counselor's time performing their job duties is used to provide direct services to students. This number will increase to 80% in the 2026-2027 school year.

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB141 passed out of the Senate 47-1 and has now been assigned to the House committee on Education.

SB185, "Student use of wireless communication device"

If passed, it will require school corporations to adopt and implement a policy that governs a students use of wireless communication devices. In addition to cell phones, the bill will restrict students from using tablets, laptops, and gaming devices during instructional time unless approved by a teacher for educational purposes.

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB185 passed out of the Senate with a vote of 49-0 and has been referred to the House committee on Education.

SB 287, "Education Matters"

will require elementary schools in Indiana to include cursive writing in its curriculum. It also provides that schools may include instruction regarding Internet safety in the school corporation's curriculum.

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB287 passed out of the Senate 46-3 and has been referred to the House.

HB1073, "Special Education,"

will require school districts to place security cameras in their Special Education classrooms in order to protect teachers and students. This bill was filed in response to an instance of

SB214, "Student Mental Health Resources"

will require the Indiana Department of Education to publish student mental health resources online. The information would cover topics like substance abuse, youth suicide, interpersonal violence, human trafficking, child abuse and neglect. After the resources are approved by the IDOE, schools must post the resources online and in an area of the school that is accessible to students.

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB214 passed out of the Senate 48-0 and has been referred to the House committee on Education.

HB 1019, "Child Operated Refreshment Stands,"

will prohibit counties from regulating lemonade stands operated by youth younger than 18 years of age, which are technically illegal under current Indiana code.

MCCOY supports this bill.

HB1019 passed out of the House 98-0 and has been referred to the Senate.

HB1093, "Employment of Minors"

will provide exemptions from certain hour and time restrictions for the employment of minors between the ages of 14-16.

MCCOY opposes this bill because we are concerned

SB282, "Absenteeism and School Attendance"

establishes a summer study committee work on addressing chronic absenteeism and understand best practices to support students and families who struggle with school absenteeism.

MCCOY supports this bill.

SB282 passed out of the Senate 49-0 and is now referred to the House.

HB1053, "Test Strips."

will decriminalize test strips that measure the strength, effectiveness, or purity of a controlled substance. These test strips are commonly used to detect fentanyl in drugs and can be life saving.

MCCOY supports this bill.

HB1053 passed out of the House with a vote of 92-1 and has been referred to the Senate committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

HB1426, "Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives"

will require hospitals to ensure that a person giving birth who also qualifies for Medicaid, has the option of having a long acting reversible subdermal

abuse from a teacher and aide against a student last year that was caught on camera.

MCCOY supports this bill, but has concerns about ensuring schools have proper funding to implement this new requirement.

HB1073 passed out of the House 73-24 and has now been referred to the Senate.

that this legislation undermines existing state laws that are in place specifically to protect Hoosier youth.

HB1093 passed out of the House 66-31 and has been referred to the Senate committee on Pensions and Labor.

contraceptive implanted after delivery and before the person is discharged.

MCCOY supports this bill.

HB1426 passed out of the House 94-4 and has been referred to the Senate.

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