

Legislative Alert – May 22, 2023

This is the last week to act to either pass or stop important legislation that will affect you and your family. There have been some major victories—you are making a difference!

BILLS THAT PASSED | VICTORIES

1. Protecting Texas Children from Being Exposed to Sexually Explicit Performances, SB 12. SB 12, known as the “drag queen bill,” by Senator Bryan Hughes and Representative Matt Shaheen—protects children, 18 and under, from exposure to sexually oriented performances at a commercial enterprise, by holding those responsible civilly liable of a Class A misdemeanor offense. SB 12 allows a municipality to regulate sexually oriented performances to prevent sexually orientated performances from taking place on public property.

Please send thank you notes for this bill’s passage.

Senator Bryan Hughes - PO Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711
Representative Matt Shaheen - PO Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768
Lt. Governor Dan Patrick - PO Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711
Governor Abbott - PO Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711-2428

2. Ban on Child Gender Transition Procedures, SB 14.

SB 14, by Senator Donna Campbell and Representative Tom Oliverson, bans gender transitioning, gender reassignment, and gender dysphoria procedures, surgeries, and treatments on children, 18 and under. Texas is the 19th state to pass this ban protecting our children.

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3. Save Women's Sports Act, SB15

SB 15, known as the “Save Women's Sports Act”, by Senator Mayes Middleton and Representative Valoree Swanson, protects female athletes in college from having to unfairly compete against biological males in women’s sports competitions.

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BILLS THAT WERE STOPPED | VICTORY

1. Gambling interests have spent tens of millions of dollars to turn Texas into a predatory gambling state—yet their efforts have been thwarted and the casino bills did not have enough votes to pass and were stopped. Stopped this from progressing.

Please send thank you notes for stopping state-predatory gambling.

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick- PO Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711

BILLS THAT STILL NEED ACTION**1. Religious Liberty for Attorneys, SB 559**

SB 559, by Senator Bryan Hughes and Representative Briscoe Cain, prohibits the state bar from limiting the ability to obtain, maintain, or renew a law license based on the person's religious belief and burden a state bar applicant's free exercise of religion, freedom of speech about their faith, membership in any religious organization, or freedom of association. The bill will be brought to the House floor for a vote on May 23.

ACTION:

Call or email your Texas House Representatives today and urge them to pass SB559.

Find your House Representative at wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home.

House Speaker Dade Phelan - dade.phelan@house.texas.gov, 512-463-1000

2. Parental Consent for a Student's Participation in Human Sexuality Instruction in Public Schools, SB 163

SB163, by Senator Donna Campbell and Representative Cole Hefner, seeks to remove the expiration date that requires school districts to obtain written consent from a student's parent before the student may be provided with human sexuality instruction. The requirement is set to expire on August 1, 2024. The bill will be brought to the House floor for a vote on May 23.

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