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KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECAP

PRO-FAMILY BILLS PASSED

Opt-In to Federal School Choice Program (HB 1 by Rep. Kim Moser & Rep. TJ Roberts)

HB 1 opted Kentucky into the newly created federal school choice tax credit program. This means Kentucky students will now have a school choice option. HB 1 passed the House 79-17 and passed the Senate 33-5. **Gov. Beshear vetoed HB 1, but the General Assembly successfully overrode the veto.**

Criminalize Grooming of Kids (HB 4 by Rep. Marianne Proctor)

HB 4 creates a new criminal offense for grooming behavior, ensuring that prosecutors can charge adults for inappropriate behavior towards kids before it reaches the point of physical abuse. **HB 4 passed the House by a vote of 98-0 and the Senate 38-0. Gov. Beshear signed HB 4 into law.**

Stop Illegal Campaigning with Tax Dollars (SB 59 by Sen. Steve Rawlings)

SB 59 created penalties when government entities or employees violate the already existing ban on using taxpayer-funded resources to campaign for or against ballot initiatives. SB 59 passed the Senate by a vote of 28-9 and the House 75-16. **Gov. Beshear vetoed SB 59, but the General Assembly successfully overrode the veto.**

Exempt Churches from Sales & Use Tax (HB 101 by Rep. James Tipton)

HB 101 was the standalone House legislation to exempt churches and religious organizations from the requirement to collect sales and use taxes on ministry activities. When House leadership refused to move HB 101, the Senate included the language of HB 101 in its version of the revenue bill (HB 757). **That language is now law.**

HARMFUL BILLS DEFEATED

Make Divorce Easier (HB 109 by Rep. Stephanie Dietz)

HB 109 would have eliminated the waiting period for divorce when kids are involved, in certain circumstances. **HB 109 passed committee, but thankfully, the bill never received a floor vote in the House.**

Abortion Legalization Constitutional Amendment (HB 476 by Rep. Daniel Grossberg)

Every bill and/or attempt to weaken Kentucky's pro-life laws failed this session, including an attempt to put a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the ballot to legalize abortion up through birth.

Re-legalize Transgender Mutilation of Children (SB 239 by Rep. Karen Berg)

SB 239 sought to repeal SB 150 by eliminating the opt-in requirement for instruction on sexuality in schools and re-legalizing transgender mutilation of minors. **SB 239 did not receive a committee hearing.**

MAJOR MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Protect Kids from Harmful Social Media (HB 227 by Rep. Matt Lockett)

HB 227 would have required social media companies to seek parental consent when they know a child under 16 is on their platform and would have prohibited addictive features on accounts of children under 16. ***HB 227 passed the House 96-0, but Senate leadership refused to allow the bill to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bill.***

Conscience Rights for Medical Providers (SB 72 by Sen. Donald Douglas)

SB 72 would have protected conscience rights within the medical field by ensuring that no medical professional is forced to violate the oath to “do no harm.” ***SB 72 passed the Senate 28-5, but House leadership refused to allow the bill to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bill.***

Religious Freedom Restoration Act Updates (HB 170 by Rep. TJ Roberts)

HB 170 would have updated Kentucky’s Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to ensure that Kentuckians may sue when government entities violate their religious liberty. ***House leadership refused to allow the bill to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bill.***

Stop Proliferation of Abortion Death Pills (HB 646 by Rep. Nancy Tate)

HB 646 would have created criminal and civil penalties for abortion traffickers and designated the abortion death pill as a controlled substance. ***House leadership refused to allow HB 646 to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bill.***

Baby Olivia Act (HB 359 by Rep. Nancy Tate/SB 320 by Sen. Lindsey Tichenor)

HB 359 and SB 320 would have required government schools to integrate an age-appropriate video showing the development of a child in the womb into their health curriculum. ***House and Senate leadership refused to allow HB 359 and SB 320 to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bills.***

Women’s Bill of Rights (HB 334 by Rep. Candy Massaroni/SB 179 by Sen. Lindsey Tichenor)

HB 334 and SB 179 would have defined sex, male, and female in state law according to biological reality. ***House and Senate leadership refused to allow HB 334 and SB 179 to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bills.***

Ban Discriminatory DEI in K-12 Schools (SB 26 by Sen. Lindsey Tichenor)

SB 26 would have banned discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in K-12 schools. ***Senate leadership refused to allow SB 26 to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bill.***

Ten Commandments in Schools (HB 670 by Rep. Josh Calloway & Rep. Richard White)

HB 670 would have returned the Ten Commandments to government K-12 schools and universities. ***House leadership refused to allow HB 670 to be heard in committee, effectively killing the bill.***

HARMFUL BILLS PASSED

Unconstitutional Gambling Expansion (HB 904 by Rep. Michael Meredith)

HB 904 “legalized” fixed-odds wagering at Kentucky horse tracks. While the bill also raised the sports betting age to 21, a policy TFF has long supported, we ultimately opposed the bill due to its unconstitutional expansion of gambling. HB 904 passed the House 64-19 and the Senate 24-13. ***Gov. Beshear vetoed HB 904, but the General Assembly successfully overrode the veto.***