



PRO-FAMILY ALLIANCE

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## PRO-FAMILY ALLIANCE RADAR SHEETS ON KEY LEGISLATION – 2022

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The mission of **Pro-Family Alliance** is to be a voice and advocate for Biblical principles before Illinois citizens in the public square and to local, state, and federal lawmakers.

We work to promote legislation and public policies that promote Biblical principles, including but not limited to, the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death, for traditional marriage and biological gender, for parental rights to raise their children without undue government interference, and for the religious liberties that Americans have long held dear. Finally, we work against legislation and public policy initiatives that promote views and ideologies that are not in accordance with Biblical principles.

**Pro-Family Alliance Position:** It is our belief that each person is worthy of respect because each person is created in the image of God. This does not mean that each person's behavior or lifestyle is morally right, nor should it be supported or advanced in the legislation and the public policies of Illinois. Pro-Family Alliance seeks to stand for and with families who want Illinois to reflect their Biblical and moral values.

The list below has key legislation that **are still active** and that we support or oppose, and we ask Illinois State Senators and Representatives to join with us in standing up for Life, Faith, and Traditional Family Values.

**Oppose: HB 4247** – Sponsored by Barbara Hernandez – On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading House—Creates the Public Higher Education Act to require all public state universities and community colleges to have at least one vending machine on campus that will have so-called “emergency contraception” [EC] for purchase that the colleges must provide at a lower cost of no more than \$40 (House Amendment #1). The EC is known as the “morning after pill” or brand names are Plan-B or Ella. These are meant to be used after unprotected sex. The “morning after pill” works in two ways. It can act as a contraceptive AND it can act to make the uterine wall of a woman hostile

to the implantation of a new human life, thereby aborting the new life. The FDA has stated this. **Molly testified against this bill in the House committee. It passed out of committee along party lines.**

**Oppose: HB 4799** – Sponsored by Carol Ammons – Would allow any resident of Illinois 21 years of age or older to grow cannabis plants.

**Oppose: HB 5162** – Sponsored by Sam Yingling –On Calendar Order of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Amends the State Finance Act to say, “the State shall not expend or invest any public funds in any organization, nonprofit organization, **religious organization**, or any other entity that performs conversion therapy.”

Conversion therapy in Illinois is defined as “any practice or treatments that seek to change an individual’s sexual orientation, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings towards individuals of the same sex.”

Thus, if any church, synagogue, mosque, or religious school’s clergy is asked by a member to help him or her out of an unwanted same sex attraction according to the tenets of that faith, HB 5162 would remove all public funding from it. Would that include tax exemptions or tax credits associated with the religious organization?

**Ralph testified against this bill in the House committee. It passed out of committee along party lines.**

**Oppose: HB 5048** – Sponsored by Anna Moeller—On Calendar Order of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Requires nursing homes to offer to provide a POLST (so called Practitioners Orders of Life Sustaining Treatment) form to a POLST-appropriate resident by a facility staff member or community partner who is able to discuss and prepare the form.

Last year, SB 109 passed into law, which removed the important witness signature protection for patients/residents on the POLST form. These witnesses are almost always a family member, friend, or clergy who know the patient/resident. With this important protection removed, Hb 5048 now wants all nursing home facilities to give this to medically compromised and even dying patients (POLST-appropriate). It is likely that this important form will be discussed with the patient by someone who is not even medical personnel. This is another removal of protection for the patient/resident who is likely too ill to know what he or she is signing with full knowledge.

**Molly testified against this bill in the House committee. It passed out of committee along party lines.**

**Oppose: HB 4148 and HB 4183** – Sponsored by Katie Stuart and **HB 4218**– Sponsored by Barbara Hernandez

These three bills continue with the efforts to make woman’s menstrual products available all restrooms, including boys/men’s restrooms. HB 4148 at State Parks; HB 4183 at interstate highway rest areas; HB 4218 at correctional facilities.

**Oppose: HB 4430** - Sponsored by Kelly Cassidy -- Placed On Calendar Order 2nd Reading

Allows a pharmacist to dispense the pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and/or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) drug **to a minor without parental knowledge or a practitioner examining a child** and to dispense post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). One drug (PrEP) is meant to try and prevent HIV when a minor is engaged in sex and the other drug (PEP) is meant to help with HIV when the minor has it.

**Oppose: HB 4444** – Sponsored by Daniel Didech Civil Procedure & Tort Liability Subcommittee— Amends the Code of Civil Procedure to remove “notice by publication” for “person who wishes to change the person’s name to conform with the person’s gender identity.”

**Oppose: HB 715** – Sponsored by Sonya Harper – Assigned to House Executive Committee

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of a county or municipality may license or regulate businesses operating as a public accommodation that permit the consumption of cannabis on the business premises and that are not regulated under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Provides an exemption from a provision of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Defines "public accommodation".

**Oppose: HB 5376** – Sponsored by Daniel Didech – Assigned to House Executive Committee

This bill expands Collegiate Sports Wagering

**Oppose: HB 4626** – Sponsored by Lakesia Collins - On Calendar Order 2nd Reading House

Pro-Family Alliance objects to this bill because it removes all “he and she” pronouns from the statutes which it amends. This action is not gender neutral, but according to the ACLU “gender inclusive.” Since the LGBTQ agenda says there are many pronouns like Ze/Hir/Zie/Zir/Xe along with an ever-growing list, it is wrong to just use only “he and she.”

**Oppose: HB 4656** – Sponsored by Lakesia Collins - On Calendar Order 2nd Reading House

Creates a Commission on LGBTQ Aging. All those who are in need of help are already covered under the Illinois Act on the Aging. We believe that all aged or senior citizens, whatever their lifestyles, should be entitled to resources and programs funded by the State. There is no reason to single out those who identify as LGBTQ and continue to create a public policy that many find immoral.

**Oppose: HB 3173** – Sponsored by Anna Moeller – On Calendar Order Concurrences Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3

This bill adds confidentiality requirements to a “qualified employee” to keep information confidential from a parent if that employee decides that it is not safe for the child to have her parent(s) told. We understand that an unsafe situation can be sexual violence or sexual abuse by a parent, but the employee (counselor, etc.) makes the call on what is safe in all situations. Thus, a pregnant girl could say she is afraid of telling her parents and an employee can say that makes telling the parent(s) “unsafe.” **Ralph is prepared to testify against this bill when/if it comes up in the House committee.**

**Support: HB 4126** – Sponsored by Curtis Tarver III – Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate—Amends the Invest in Kids Act to create a first priority group for eligible students who received a scholarship from a scholarship granting organization during the previous school year, and other changes.

**Support: HB 5172**—Sponsored by Amy Grant— Assigned to Human Services Committee—Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Illinois Insurance Code, the Pharmacy Practice Act, and the Illinois Public Aid Code by restoring the provisions that were amended by Public Act 102-103 to the form in which they existed before their amendment by Public Act 102-103 and by repealing certain provisions that were added by Public Act 102-103. Effective immediately.

**Support: HB 5344** – Sponsored by Avery Bourne – Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee—Amends the School Code. Requires a school board to ensure parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the school district are free to petition the school board and provide public comment at all public and regularly scheduled meetings, have access to certain information, are well-informed on specified subject matters, and have the right to meet with a pupil's teacher at least twice per school year. Requires a school board to ensure curriculum and learning materials are posted on the school district's Internet website

**Support: HB 5347** – Sponsored by Thomas Bennett— Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee—Amends the School Code. Prohibits the State Board of Education from revising its teaching standards or learning standards without the approval of the General Assembly through adoption of a joint resolution outlining the State Board's specific revisions and granting the State Board the authority to revise those standards.

**Support: HB 5505** – Sponsored by Adam Niemerg— Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee—Creates the Parental Access and Curriculum Transparency Act, which may be referred to as PACT. Makes findings. Provides that no public school district or public institution of higher education shall direct, require, or otherwise compel a student to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to specified tenets. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law or administrative rule to the contrary, a school board, parent, legal guardian, or student has the right to object to and refuse any unit of instruction or required course of study that directs, requires, or otherwise compels a student to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to any of the specified tenets. Provides that school boards have to review and resolve objections to school curriculum. Provides a list of ways to resolve objections. Provides that a school board may submit a certified question to the applicable board of elections to approve or disapprove of funding certain curriculum. Provides that, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no distinction or classification of students shall be made on account of race or color, but nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the required collection or reporting of demographic data by public school districts or public institutions of higher education

**Oppose: HB 45**—Sponsor Melinda Bush—On Calendar Order of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading, Senate

By changing all references from “alderman” to “alderperson”, this bill is meant to be gender neutral, but in actuality attempts to be gender inclusive, thereby removing any language of male or female from statute and creating a public policy that does not honor the biological fact that there are only two genders.

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**Oppose: HB 5376** – Sponsored by Daniel Didech – Assigned to House Executive Committee

Expands Collegiate Sports Waging

**Oppose: SB 3105** – Sponsored by Cristina Castro – Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments—As originally introduced, expansion of grow operations from 5,000 square feet to 14,000 square feet; curbside pick-up of marijuana; cultivation center to make 3% of its THC oil extract or cannabis

products available for sale to craft growers and infuser organizations. Senate amendment #1 to be considered removes the curbside pick-up and THC oil extract sale, but leaves the expansion of grow operations

**NOTE:** Pro-Family Alliance and other pro-family groups have long fought against medical marijuana and the legalization of marijuana due to the harmful effects on families, youth, driving, etc.

**Oppose: SB 3490**—Sponsored by Senator Villa—Placed on Calendar Order of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading February 15, 2022

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**Support: SB 4029**—Sponsored by Senator Simmons— Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments—Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that preparation of a **certificate of stillbirth** is required after a fetal death that occurs in this State after a gestation period of at least 20 (rather than 26) completed weeks.

Pro-Family Alliance **supports** this legislative matter as it recognizes the humanity of the unborn as early as 20 weeks gestation by requiring a death certificate for stillbirth, where currently in statute it requires a death certificate at 26 weeks and after.

**Oppose: SR 787**—Sponsored by Adrienne Johnson— Placed on Calendar Order of Secretary's Desk Resolutions February 22, 2022—Urges the Federal Communication Commission to encourage the advertising industry to provide gender inclusive advertising and marketing for children's products. *Pro-Family Alliance does not support measures to blur the lines between male and female for the purposes of creating ads.*