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## **2023 HOUSE BILLS**

HB1080\* - Prohibit surgeries and treatments for the purpose of gender transformation in minors. Protects minors from irreversible damage of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and genital surgery. Minors are unable to consent. YES HB1109^ - Modify occupation tax for business improvement districts. Doubles occupation tax for hotel/motel. Raises taxes on South Dakotans as well as out-of-state visitors. NO

**HB1116\***- Prohibit use of state resources for lewd/lascivious content. Allows universities and K-12 schools to refuse immoral or indecent events. Misuse of public funds/property. **YES** 

**HB1133\*** – Defines a commodity for purposes of qualifying as a common carrier. Protects private property rights; prevents abuse of eminent domain laws for the benefit of private corporate interests. **YES** 

HB1137\* – Sales tax holiday with sunset clause. Small decrease (.3%) in state sales tax for four years before sunsetting. Will keep more money in taxpayer's pockets for the next four years. YES

HB1193\(^\) - Amend provisions of UCC code. Enables transition to a Central Bank Digital Currency; redefines 'money'; adds biometrics to sections of UCC; enables the government to directly control individuals with social credit scores. NO HB1196\* - Appropriates an additional \$5.2 million to Capitol grounds budget for upkeep, additional memorials, and improvements, and declare an emergency. Satisfies a want, not a need and obligates future budgets for upkeep. NO HB1209\(^\) - Revise provisions regarding industrial hemp. Raises allowable THC in hemp to an intoxicating level of 5\(^\). Reduces the distinction between industrial hemp and marijuana that is not regulated under medical marijuana laws. NO HB1217\* - (House only) Modify eligibility requirements to vote. Improves ballot security and shortens the period for filing absentee ballots from 45 days to 30 days. Lessens opportunity for election fraud. YES

HB1235\* - (House Only) Provide conscience exemption Covid-19 vaccination. Protects the right to medical informed consent. YES

## **2023 SENATE BILLS**

**SB40\*** - Change nomination process for Lt. Gov and constitutional officers. Gives advantage to incumbents, special interests, and wealthy candidates; renders committeemen and women and delegates to the state convention irrelevant. **NO** 

SB41\* - \$200M housing infrastructure spending bill. Obscene spending and benefits a select few. NO

**SB45\*** - Repeal Board of Regents report to Governor & Legislature on free exchange of ideas on university campuses. Less government transparency/accountability. **NO** 

SB74\* - Establish regional jail authorities. Unelected commissions would drive taxation to fund operation. Grows government, adds new tax-supported entity without direct accountability to the voters. NO

SB108<sup>^</sup> - Allow certain under-age persons to consume alcohol. Exemptions to consumption law; unequal treatment under the law. NO

**SB120\*** - Increase amount of property value exempted from taxation. Greatly increases tax advantages for industrial developers by transferring tax debt to other taxpayers. **NO** 

**SB129**^ – Enhanced penalty for assault of school employees. Current law is adequate. Applies adult standards to juveniles. Government overreach with inappropriate penalty. **NO** 

**SB151\*** - (**Senate Only**) Remove parental permission for intrusive surveys in schools. Usurps parental authority and allows interrogation of students without parental permission. **NO** 

SB156\* – Appropriate \$50 million in federal funds for water projects. Federal environmental (New Green Deal) rules apply. NO

SB160\* – Establish post-election audits. Small positive step toward election integrity. YES

SB189\* – Prohibit the state from contracting with companies controlled by certain foreign entities/governments. Restricts foreign countries and state-controlled entities from benefiting from SD tax dollars. YES

**SB197\*** - Spouse of a legislator prohibited from being a private lobbyist. Favors tax-funded public lobbyists; no accommodation for unpaid volunteer lobbyists; violates equal protection. **NO** 

SB207\* - Prohibit use of public funds to influence an election and provide a penalty. Adds a penalty to an existing statute to make it enforceable. YES

**SB210\*** – Budget bill. Spends \$1.6 billion *more* dollars and adds 69.5 *more* FTEs to state budget. Grows government. **NO** 

\*Passed \*Failed ^Veto sustained

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