

ARKANSAS PRO-LIFE CHAMPIONS



**2018
Family Council**

Arkansas Pro-Life Champions 2018

Arkansas is the second most pro-life state in the nation. This is a direct result of several great members of the Arkansas General Assembly who have championed pro-life legislation over the past five years. Family Council has worked with every one of these lawmakers along with our friends at Arkansas Right to Life in this effort to protect the sanctity of human life. It is important that the people of Arkansas know who these pro-life champions are. They deserve tremendous thanks from the people of our state. Legislation sponsored by these lawmakers has reduced the number of abortions in Arkansas to a 40-year low. Laws passed by these champions have already saved the lives of thousands of children. These laws will continue to save the lives of children for many years to come. We have listed contact information for each of these champions. Please contact all of them and express your gratitude. They are listed in alphabetical order by last name. This publication is available online at www.FamilyCouncil.org.

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Founded by Jerry Cox in 1989, Family Council is a nonpartisan, multi-issue education and research organization based in Little Rock, Arkansas. As an independent part of a nationwide network of state-based family policy councils, we are politically conservative, operating from a Christian worldview. We are not associated with any particular church or political party. Governed by an independent board of directors, we are financially supported through tax-deductible donations from individuals and churches across the state of Arkansas. We envision a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and human life is cherished.

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Family Council Pro-life Champion Representative Bob Ballinger

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Senate Joint Resolution 9 of 2017: This resolution calls for the passage of a federal pro-life amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It calls on Congress to refer a federal pro-life amendment to the states for ratification. Senator Jason Rapert (R – Conway) was a joint sponsor of this resolution.

Act 156 of 2013: This law affirms a pregnant woman’s legal right to use physical, deadly force to defend her unborn child at any stage of development against an attack. Senator Gary Stubblefield (R – Branch) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Family Council Pro-life Champion Representative Sonia Barker

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 1018 of 2017: This law requires abortion clinics to notify the State Crime Lab and appropriate authorities after performing an abortion on anyone below the age of 17. This helps investigators determine if the girl is a crime victim. Senator Blake Johnson (R – Corning) was a joint sponsor of this law.





Family Council Pro-life Champion Representative Mary Bentley

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

House Resolution 1019 of 2015: This resolution recognizes the importance of pregnancy resource centers in Arkansas.

H.B. 1421 of 2015: This bill would have required abortion clinics to have a physician on the premises with admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic.

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 72 of 2013: Under Obamacare, states can vote to prohibit the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions. This law prohibits government-funded health insurance exchanges from paying for abortions under Obamacare. Rep. Butch Wilkins (D – Bono) was a joint sponsor of this law.



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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 733 of 2017: Act 733 prohibits abortions performed due to the baby's sex and requires the abortion doctor to request some of a woman's medical records in certain circumstances. Sen. Missy Irvin (R – Mountain View) was a joint sponsor of this law.



Family Council Pro-life Champion

Senator Linda Collins-Smith

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 934 of 2015: Act 934 makes it more difficult for a minor to obtain an abortion without a parent’s permission, and it requires more recordkeeping and parental involvement at the abortion clinic if the parent does sign off on the abortion. Reps. Harris and Lundstrum were joint sponsors of this law.

Act 577 of 2015: Act 577 requires abortion providers to follow the federal Food and Drug Administration guidelines when dispensing abortion-causing drugs. It also requires abortion facilities that perform drug-induced abortions to contract with a physician who has hospital admitting privileges to handle complications from the abortion. Sen. Jake Files (R – Fort Smith) was a joint sponsor of this law.

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 392 of 2017: Act 392 protects babies who survive an abortion from being killed or denied medical treatment after birth. Sen. Gary Stubblefield (R – Branch) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Act 577 of 2015: Act 577 requires abortion providers to follow the federal Food and Drug Administration guidelines when dispensing abortion-causing drugs. It also requires abortion facilities that perform drug-induced abortions to contract with a physician who has hospital admitting privileges to handle complications from the abortion. Sen. Jake Files (R – Fort Smith) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Act 725 of 2013: Act 725 requires abortion clinic employees to report suspected child abuse and requires any evidence of child abuse to be sent to the State Crime Lab for preservation. Rep. Charlene Fite’s attention to detail made a difference in the passage of this good law. Sen. Bart Hester (R – Cave Springs) was a joint sponsor of this law.



Family Council Pro-life Champion Senator Scott Flippo

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 383 of 2017: Act 383 says abortion clinics must be inspected annually. The inspections will be unannounced, and any clinic that fails inspection must immediately stop performing abortions. Rep. Robin Lundstrum (R – Elm Springs) was a joint sponsor of this law.

S.B. 1050 of 2015: S.B. 1050 would have improved inspection requirements for abortion clinics.

Family Council Pro-life Champion Representative Kim Hammer

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 603 of 2017: Act 603 helps ensure aborted babies are respectfully buried or cremated and that their organs are not bought or sold for experimentation. Sen. Missy Irvin (R – Mountain View) was a joint sponsor of this law.



Family Council Pro-life Champion Senator Jim Hendren

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 1086 of 2015: Act 1086 may be the nation's best informed-consent abortion law. This law requires a 48-hour waiting period before an abortion can be performed, and it requires abortion providers to give the woman all the facts regarding abortion, including its complications, risks, and alternatives. Rep. Robin Lundstrum (R – Elm Springs) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Act 1037 of 2013: Act 1037 allows prosecutors to charge criminals with the death of an unborn child at any stage of development. This law replaced the word “fetus” with the words “unborn child” in Arkansas’ fetal homicide codes. This moves Arkansas another step toward personhood for the unborn, and it aligns our law with laws in 28 other states. Rep. Nate Steel (D – Nashville) was a joint sponsor of this law.

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 725 of 2013: Act 725 requires abortion clinic employees to report suspected child abuse and requires any evidence of child abuse to be sent to the State Crime Lab for preservation. Rep. Charlene Fite (R – Van Buren) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Act 171 of 2013: This law prohibits abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy, except in cases of rape, incest, or a medical emergency. Rep. Andy Mayberry (R – Hensley) was a joint sponsor of this law.



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Senator Missy Irvin

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 603 of 2017: Act 603 helps ensure aborted babies are respectfully buried or cremated and that their organs are not bought or sold for experimentation. Rep. Kim Hammer (R – Benton) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Act 733 of 2017: Act 733 prohibits abortions performed due to the baby's sex and requires the abortion doctor to request some of a woman's medical records in certain circumstances. Rep. Charlie Collins (R – Fayetteville) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Act 45 of 2017: Act 45 bans some abortion procedures in which an unborn baby is physically dismembered. Rep. Andy Mayberry (R – Hensley) was a joint sponsor of this law.

Acts 139 and 1014 of 2015: These laws regulate abortion-inducing drugs and prevent abortion drugs from being prescribed via telemedicine. Rep. Julie Mayberry (R – Hensley) was a joint sponsor of these pieces of legislation.

Senate Resolution 24 of 2015: This resolution recognizes the importance of pregnancy resource centers in Arkansas.

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Senator Blake Johnson

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 1018 of 2017: Act 1018 requires abortion clinics to notify the State Crime Lab and appropriate authorities after performing an abortion on a girl under 17. This helps investigators determine if the girl is a crime victim. Rep. Sonia Barker (R – Smackover) was a joint sponsor of this law.



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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 383 of 2017: Act 383 says abortion clinics must be inspected annually. The inspections will be unannounced, and any clinic that fails inspection must immediately stop performing abortions. Sen. Scott Flipppo (R – Bull Shoals) was a joint sponsor of this legislation.

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Act 996 of 2015: Act 996 prevents state funding of Planned Parenthood and other organizations that perform abortions. This law keeps tax dollars from subsidizing the abortion industry. Sen. Gary Stubblefield (R – Branch) was a joint sponsor of this legislation.

Act 934 of 2015: Act 934 makes it more difficult for a minor to obtain an abortion without a parent's permission, and it requires more recordkeeping and parental involvement at the abortion clinic if the parent does sign off on the abortion. Sen. Collins-Smith (R – Pocahontas) and Rep. Harris were joint sponsors of this law.

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Representative Andy Mayberry

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

Act 385 of 2017: Act 385 prohibits “wrongful birth” lawsuits. This prevents people from suing doctors and hospitals based on the claim a child should have been aborted. Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson (R – Little Rock) was a joint sponsor of this legislation.

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Senator Jason Rapert

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H.B. 1628 of 2017: This bill would have protected medical professionals, healthcare companies, and their employees from being forced to participate in medical procedures that violate their consciences. Rep. Brandt Smith (R – Jonesboro) was a joint sponsor of this bill.

Act 301 of 2013: This law prohibited abortions after the twelfth week of pregnancy except in cases of rape, incest, if the mother's life is at stake, or in cases of highly lethal fetal disorders. It contained informed-consent requirements for an abortion, and it allowed the State Medical Board to establish rules and regulations for implementation of this law. Governor Beebe vetoed this bill, but his veto was overridden. Rep. Ann Clemmer (R – Benton) was a joint sponsor of this law.



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Representative Brandt Smith

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Pro-life Legislation Sponsored

H.B. 1628 of 2017: This bill would have protected medical professionals, healthcare companies, and their employees from being forced to participate in medical procedures that violate their consciences. Sen. Jason Rapert (R – Conway) was a joint sponsor of this legislation.



Family Council Pro-life Champion Senator Gary Stubblefield

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Former Legislators Who Championed Pro-Life Legislation:

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■ **Representative Justin Harris:** Act 934 of 2015 makes it more difficult for a minor to obtain an abortion without a parent’s permission, and it requires more recordkeeping and parental involvement at the abortion clinic if the parent does sign off on the abortion.

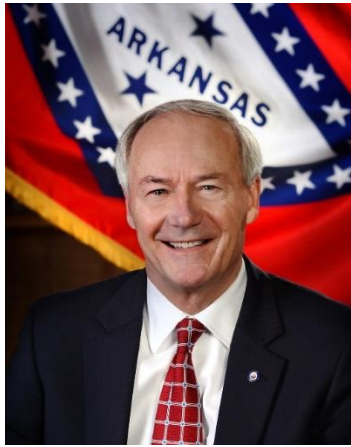
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■ **Representative Nate Steel:** Act 1037 of 2013 allows prosecutors to charge criminals with the death of an unborn child at any stage of development. It also replaced the word “fetus” with the word “unborn child” in Arkansas’ fetal homicide code.

■ **Representative Butch Wilkins:** Act 72 of 2013 prohibits government funded health insurance exchanges from paying for abortions under Obamacare.

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Governor Asa Hutchinson
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Governor Hutchinson always has been a staunch pro-life advocate. Since his election in 2014, Governor Asa Hutchinson has signed at least a dozen pieces of pro-life legislation into law—more than any governor in state history. In 2015 he directed the State of Arkansas to sever ties with the nation’s largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, after a series of undercover videos showed Planned Parenthood officials negotiating the sale of organs and tissue harvested from aborted babies. Under Governor Hutchinson’s bold leadership, Arkansas has moved from the fourth most pro-life state in America to the second, according to Americans United for Life, and Arkansas’ abortion rate has fallen to historic lows. Governor Hutchinson’s commitment to pro-life legislation literally is saving the lives of unborn children.



Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
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Attorney General Leslie Rutledge arguably has done more to protect the sanctity of human life in court than any other state attorney general in Arkansas history. Following her election in 2014, Attorney General Rutledge asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a lower court’s ruling that had struck down an Arkansas law prohibiting most abortions after the twelfth week of pregnancy—one of the strongest pro-life laws in the country at the time. Since then, her office has defended at least seven other pro-life laws in federal court and has received favorable rulings from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Attorney General Rutledge is helping shape legal precedent on abortion, and the work her office is doing in federal court likely will pave the way for other states to pass good, pro-life laws in the future.