



Family Council

2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

Good Laws Passed

Pro-Life

- Act 180 / S.B. 149** . . **Abortion:** Prohibits abortion in Arkansas if Roe v. Wade is overturned.
- Act 493 / H.B. 1439** . **Abortion:** Prohibits abortion in Arkansas after the eighteenth week of pregnancy.
- Act 700 / S.B. 448** . . **Abortion:** Requires an abortionist to be board-certified or board-eligible OB/GYN.
- Act 801/S.B. 278** . . . **Abortion:** Expands the waiting period for an abortion from 48 to 72 hours.
- H.B. 1453** **Abortion:** Requires abortionists to give women information about perinatal palliative care.
- Act 522 / S.B. 341** . . . **Abortion:** Ensure women know how to find information about abortion pill reversal.
- Act 619/S.B. 2** **Abortion:** Prohibits abortions performed because the baby has Down Syndrome.
- Act 620/S.B. 3** **Abortion:** Requires abortionist to report complications arising from an abortion.
- H.B. 1856** **Abortion:** Prohibits the use of public funds to perform an abortion on a woman in state custody.
- Act 653/H.B. 1399** . . **Human Life:** Prohibits public funds from being used to clone or kill unborn children.
- Act 185 / S.B. 168** . . . **Human Life:** Updates and improves Arkansas' pro-life Safe Haven Act.
- S.B. 503** **Human Life:** Enhances the penalty for physician-assisted suicide in Arkansas.
- H.B. 1625** **Human Life:** Makes it a felony to encourage someone to commit suicide.

Home School

- Act 429 / H.B. 1413** . **Public School Courses:** Prevents schools from charging home schoolers more for courses.
- Act 430 / H.B. 1419** . **Public School Courses:** Makes it easier for home schoolers to take public school courses.
- Act 656 / H.B. 1508** . **Interscholastic Activities:** Makes it easier for home schoolers to participate in AAA activities.

Marijuana

- S.B. 440** **Edibles:** Prohibits marijuana stores from selling marijuana-infused foods that appeal to children.
- S.B. 441** **Advertising:** Restricts marijuana advertisements in much the same way as tobacco ads.

Conscience/Religious Liberty

- Act 184 / S.B. 156** . . . **Free Speech:** Prevents public colleges from restricting student free speech.

Education

- H.B. 1626** **Bible Course:** Requires the Department of Education to develop an elective Bible course.
- Act 841 / H.B. 1621** . . **Prevention Programs:** Sets standards for school courses in healthy living and risk avoidance.

Alcohol

- H.B. 1385** **Daycare:** Prevents the sale of alcohol near a daycare.

Good Laws Defeated

Conscience/Religious Liberty

H.B. 1289 **Conscience:** Would have protected conscience rights for healthcare workers.

S.B. 352 **Conscience:** Would have protected conscience rights for private adoption agencies.

Human Life

H.B. 1761 **Reproductive Trafficking:** Would have regulated the buying and selling of human eggs.

Taxes

H.B. 1342 **Used Car Tax:** Would have eliminated the sales tax on used cars sold for less than \$7,500.

Home School

H.B. 1511 **Scholarships:** Would have enabled home schoolers with special needs to get state scholarships.

Lottery

H.B. 1378 **Scholarships:** Raises the percentage of lottery revenue allocated for scholarships to 25%.

S.B. 387 **Scholarships:** Raises the percentage of lottery revenue allocated for scholarships to 25%.

Bad Laws Passed

Alcohol

Act 812 / S.B. 492 **Public Drinking:** Lets cities and municipalities designate places where public drinking is legal.

Bad Laws Defeated

Sex Education

S.B. 304 **Sex Education:** Would have established Planned Parenthood type programs in grades 7–12.

Human Life

H.B. 1290 **Contraceptives:** Would have let pharmacists dispense oral contraceptives without a prescription.

H.B. 1536 **Suicide:** Would have legalized physician-assisted suicide in Arkansas.

Elections

H.B. 1705 **Campaign Finance:** Made it harder for groups to educate voters about judicial candidates.

Federal Constitutional Amendment

SJR 18 **Equal Rights Amendment:** Would have ratified the 1970's Equal Rights Amendment.