



# Family Council

# 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

## Good Laws Passed

### Pro-Life / Ethics

**Act 309 / S.B. 6 . . . . . Abortion:** Prohibits abortion except when the mother's life is in jeopardy.

**Act 498 / S.B. 85 . . . . . Abortion:** Requires an abortionist to show an ultrasound image of the unborn baby to the pregnant woman before an abortion.

**Act 358 / H.B. 1408 . . . . . Abortion:** Helps prevent abortion providers from receiving Medicaid reimbursements.

**Act 562 / H.B. 1402 . . . . . Abortion:** Updates Arkansas' restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs.

**H.C.R. 1007 . . . . . Abortion:** Recognizes the anniversary of Roe v. Wade in Arkansas.

**S.B. 388 . . . . . Abortion:** Requires any facility that performs abortions to be licensed by the state.

**Act 787 / S.B. 463 . . . . . Abortion:** Requires the state to report abortion data and tightens laws and requires abortionists to file documentation when the woman is a victim of rape or incest.

**Act 561 / H.B. 1589 . . . . . Abortion:** Prohibits government entities from working with abortion providers.

**H.B. 1592 . . . . . Abortion:** Prohibits public schools from engaging in transactions with abortionists.

**Act 740 / S.B. 527 . . . . . Abortion:** Requires abortion facilities to have transfer agreements with hospitals.

**Act 560 / H.B. 1572 . . . . . Abortion:** Outlines the informed-consent process for chemical abortion in Arkansas.

**Act 392 / H.B. 1544 . . . . . Pro-Life Cities:** Affirms the right of municipalities in Arkansas to declare themselves pro-life.

**Act 90 / H.B. 1195 . . . . . Pro-Life:** Ensures women are offered assistance that could help them choose an option besides abortion.

**Act 226 / H.B. 1116 . . . . . Simon's Law:** Protects children from being denied life support.

**Act 609 / S.B. 474 . . . . . Fertility Fraud:** Prohibits fraud and abuse in fertility treatments.

**Act 311 / H.B. 1061 . . . . . No Patient Left Alone:** Protects patients from being left alone and denied visitors.

### LGBT

**Act 626 / H.B. 1570 . . . . . SAFE Act:** Prohibits sex-reassignment procedures on children.

**Act 461 / S.B. 354 . . . . . Women's Sports:** Prevents male athletes from competing against girls in women's athletics at school.

### Home School

**Act 623 / H.B. 1429 . . . . . Home School:** Makes it easier for a student to withdraw from a public school to home school.

**H.R. 1021 . . . . . Home School:** Recognizes and celebrates 35 years of homeschooling in Arkansas.

### Marijuana

**Act 342 / H.B. 1353 . . . . . Marijuana Advertisements:** Closes a loophole in Arkansas' laws regarding medical marijuana advertisements.

### Conscience / Religious Liberty

**Act 462 / S.B. 289 . . . . . Conscience:** Protects healthcare workers' rights of conscience.

**Act 94 / H.B. 1211 . . . . . Religion is Essential:** Declares that religion and religious organizations are essential.

**S.B. 662 . . . . . Prayer:** Establishes a Day of Prayer for Arkansas Students on the last Wednesday of every September.

## Good Laws Defeated

### Lottery

**S.B. 649** ..... **Lottery:** Raises the percentage of lottery revenue allocated for scholarships to 25%.

### LGBT

**H.B. 1882** ..... **Privacy:** Protects physical privacy and safety in showers, locker rooms, changing facilities, and restrooms on government property.

### Justice

**H.B. 1523** ..... **Equal Justice Act:** Outlines penalties for felonies involving violence committed for the purpose of preventing a person from exercising a constitutional right.

## Bad Laws Passed

### Hate Crimes

**Act 681 / S.B. 622** .. **Hate Crimes:** Outlines vague, protected classes in state law.

### Alcohol

**H.B. 1228** ..... **Public Drinking:** Permits public drinking in “entertainment districts” in dry counties.

## Bad Laws Defeated

### End-of-Life

**H.B. 1685** ..... **End-of-Life:** Would have made it easier to deny a dying person food or water.

**H.B. 1686** ..... **End-of-Life:** Would have weakened state law regarding directions for life-sustaining treatment.

### Hate Crimes

**S.B. 3** ..... **Hate Crimes:** Would have created special, protected classes in a state “hate crimes” law.

**H.B. 1020** ..... **Hate Crimes:** Would have created special, protected classes in a state “hate crimes” law.

### LGBT

**S.B. 510** ..... **LGBT Counseling:** Would have prohibited helping children overcome unwanted same-sex attraction and gender confusion.

### Education

**S.B. 655** ..... **Comprehensive Sex-Education:** Would have established Planned Parenthood type sex-education programs in Arkansas.

### Marriage

**H.B. 1697** ..... **Divorce:** Would have permitted no-fault divorce in Arkansas.