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Legislative Update

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Public Health Department Wants To Make It Easier To Withhold Life-Sustaining Treatment From Loved Ones

HB191 Sponsor: Rep. Ed Oliver

BILL DESCRIPTION: Under existing law, a surrogate may be designated to determine whether to provide, withdraw, or withhold life-sustaining treatment or artificially provided nutrition and hydration to a terminally ill patient if the patient has no advance directive for health care, provided the surrogate meets certain qualifications and certifies and attests to meeting the qualifications. **This bill would remove the requirement that a surrogate's certification be notarized.**

EF POSITION: Two hospitals in the sponsor's district asked him to carry this bill. Their reasoning is that it is a burden for rural hospitals to have a notary public. Deciding that a family member should have life-sustaining treatment withdrawn should not be "easy". Removing the notary public requirement opens the door to hospitals making end-of-life decisions for patients. The attestation provides an independent third-party verification of the identity of the surrogate, thereby protecting both the hospital and the surrogate. We discovered that it only costs approximately \$81. for a 4-year notary public license. Rural hospitals can easily have notaries available 24/7. Since July

2021 Alabama can utilize *virtual* notaries. We must protect patients and families. This bill could be voted on the House floor next week. EF's General Counsel Margaret Clarke wrote an [excellent memo](#) on the importance of protecting patients by stopping this bill.

ACTION: Please ask your [House Representative](#) to vote "NO" on HB191.

The Alabama Parents' Choice Act



[SB140](#) Sponsor: Sen. Del Marsh [HB245](#) Rep. Charlotte Meadows

BILL DESCRIPTION: This bill would create the Parent's Choice Act. This bill would create and provide for the Parent's Choice Program and the membership and duties of the Parent's Choice Board. This bill would provide for the process for creating, funding, and utilizing education savings accounts. This bill would specify which expenses are qualified expenses. This bill would provide for the renewal and administration of education savings accounts. This bill would provide for the auditing of the program and the suspension of education service providers.

EF POSITION: We believe that parents should have opportunities to better education for their children. However, we have concerns with this bill. Not only is a new government bureaucracy created but the required standardized testing is a poison pill. In Alabama, homeschoolers are not required to participate in standardized testing. In our state, standardized tests are driven by *Alabama College and Career Ready Standards (Common Core)*. We believe that Common Core is one of the main reasons for Alabama's education decline. Homeschoolers who participate in the program will be required to take these standardized tests and will necessarily experience more restrictions/tracking. We will continue to watch this bill and keep you updated.

- **Southeast Law Institute** provided an [initial review of the bill and stated areas of concern](#).
- **Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)** opposes the bill and has sent [this alert to Alabama homeschooling families](#).

EF Supports The Alabama Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act (VCAP) **SB184** & **HB266**

STOP MEDICAL CHILD ABUSE

Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act (VCAP)

SB184 & HB266

Identical bills that prohibit 3 procedures below on healthy children until they are 19 years old.

PUBERTY BLOCKERS

Harms from using puberty blockers on otherwise healthy children include: preventing bone density growth, halting structural growth, stalling brain maturation, and socialization. Such use atrophies libido and growth of sexual organs including penis and breasts. It results in infertility.

CROSS-SEX HORMONES

Harms from cross-sex hormones include...For men: loss of facial hair, growth of breasts and hips. For women: baldness, growth of Adams apple, facial hair and voice change. It increases risk of strokes, liver disease, blood clots, diabetes, migraines, heart disease, gallstones and cancer.

SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERIES

Medical harms from surgeries are irreversible! They include: the removal of penis, testicles, scrotum, breasts, and ovaries, and the construction of non-functioning penis, vagina, and breasts. These surgeries on children are experimental.

DID YOU KNOW: There is NO test you can give children to prove they are gender dysphoric. Diagnosis is based on a "child's feelings". Up to 98% of gender-confused child IF allowed to go through *natural puberty* will come to accept their sex as a young adult.

Tax Help

The image shows a hand holding a fan of US dollar bills (including \$100, \$50, and \$20 bills) in front of a 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return form. The form is from the Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service and is for the tax year 2008. The form includes sections for Label, Filing Status, Exemptions, and Income. The hand is positioned over the 'Income' section, which lists various types of income and their corresponding tax treatment.

SB152 Sponsor: Sen. Dan Roberts

BILL DESCRIPTION: This bill provides for exclusion of enhanced federal child tax credits from American Rescue Plan Act from calculation of federal income tax deduction for tax year 2021, to provide an extension of the due date for certain taxpayers.

EF'S POSITION: We support this pro-family legislation. It passed out of committee Thursday and is headed to the Senate floor for a vote.



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- [WK 1: Highlight Reel Legislative Update - Cookies & Rallies No Bills \(constantcontact.com\)](#)

EF's 2022 Legislative Priorities

- Passing the Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act (VCAP)
- Ensuring state monies don't fund abortions
- Protecting citizens from divisive Critical Race Theory
- Protecting citizens from vaccine mandates
- Ensuring Alabama remains free of state-sponsored gambling
- Repealing or tightening up Alabama's marijuana law
- Ensuring cell phones are sold with porn filters enabled

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