

## PRO-FAMILY BILLS THAT PASSED

### **Ten Commandments Restored to KY Capitol** (HJR 15 Rep. Shane Baker)

HJR 15 restores a monument of the Ten Commandments to the grounds of the Kentucky Capitol. The monument was previously removed in the 1980s and was never restored due to bad Supreme Court precedent and an ACLU lawsuit. That precedent has now been removed (*Kennedy v. Bremerton*), and the monument will be returning for all to see. ***HJR 15 passed the House 79-13 and the Senate 32-6. The Resolution became law WITHOUT Gov. Beshear's signature.***

### **Overturing Gov. Beshear's Attack on Counseling** (HB 495 by Rep. David Hale)

HB 495 nullified an executive order from Governor Beshear banning conversion therapy. This would have prevented a counselor or pastor from sharing the Biblical message of gender and sexuality during counseling. The bill also prohibits Medicaid funds from being used in treatments or procedures that claim to alter a person's gender. ***HB 495 passed the House 67-19 & Senate 28-6. Gov. Beshear vetoed the bill, and the General Assembly overrode that veto.***

### **Protecting Tax Dollars from Gender Transitions** (SB 2 by Sen. Mike Wilson)

SB 2 prohibits inmates in state correctional facilities from receiving medication or surgical procedures that claim to change a person's gender. This comes after Gov. Beshear attempted to pay for such procedures for prisoners. ***SB 2 passed the Senate 31-6 and the House 73-12. SB 2 became law WITHOUT Gov. Beshear's signature.***

### **Banning DEI from Public Universities** (HB 4 Rep. Jennifer Decker)

HB 4 bans and defunds discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies at public universities. ***HB 4 passed the House 79-17 & Senate 32-6. Gov. Beshear vetoed the bill, and the General Assembly overrode that veto.***

### **Clarifying Kentucky's Pro-life Laws** (HB 90 Rep. Jason Nemes)

HB 90 added needed clarifications to Kentucky's pro-life laws that further protect mothers and unborn children. The law provides clear guidance for instances that permit a woman to receive life-saving medical care. The bill also expands perinatal palliative care and legalizes freestanding birthing centers. ***HB 90 passed the House 74-17 and the Senate 29-5. Gov. Beshear vetoed the bill, and the General Assembly overrode that veto.***

### **Banning Cellphones from Classrooms** (HB 208 Rep. Josh Bray)

HB 208 bans the use of cellphones in public school classrooms except for emergency circumstances or instructional purposes. It further bans access to social media websites on school wi-fi. ***The General Assembly passed HB 208 unanimously in both chambers, and the bill was signed into law by Gov. Beshear.***

### **Religious Release Time/Moment of Silence** (SB 19 Sen. Rick Girdler)

SB 19 requires a moment of silence for personal prayer and reflection at the start of the school day. It also increases protections and ease-of-access for religious release instruction (including bible study) during school hours. ***SB 19 passed the Senate 26-10 and the House 72-19. Gov. Beshear vetoed the bill, and the General Assembly overrode that veto.***

### **Parental Monitoring of School Communications** (SB 181 Sen. Lindsey Tichenor)

SB 181 requires that parents give written permission for their student to communicate electronically with a school employee. It further allows parents the ability to request records of that communication. ***The General Assembly passed SB 181 unanimously in both chambers, and the bill was signed into law by Gov. Beshear.***

# HARMFUL BILLS DEFEATED

## Casino Gambling Legalization (HB 33 Rep. Thomas Huff)

HB 33 would have legalized casino gambling in Kentucky and endangered the financial, emotional, and physical wellbeing of families due to gambling's addictive nature. Thankfully, the bill never received a hearing.

## Republican-Led Abortion Exceptions Effort

(HB 203 Rep. Ken Fleming, Rep. Vanessa Grossl, and Rep. Jim Gooch)

Every bill and/or attempt to weaken Kentucky's pro-life laws failed this session, including yet another Republican-led effort to introduce exceptions that devalue preborn Kentuckians based upon the circumstances of their conception or their health.

## LGBTQ "SOGI" Laws

(SB 102 Sen. Gerald Neal/HB 235 Rep. Mary Lou Marzian & SB 94 Sen. Karen Berg)

SB 102/HB 235 would have amended Kentucky's nondiscrimination law to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as special classes. SB 94 would have codified Gov. Beshear's unlawful executive order restricting speech on gender and sexuality in counseling.

# MAJOR MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

## Conscience Rights for Medical Providers (SB 132 Sen. Donald Douglas)

SB 132 would have protected conscience rights within the medical profession, ensuring that no medical professional is forced to violate their oath to "do no harm." ***SB 132 passed the Senate 26-6 and passed out of a House committee, but House Leadership did not allow a floor vote, effectively killing the bill.***

## Religious Freedom Restoration Act Updates (SB 60 Sen. Steve Rawlings)

Important updates to Kentucky's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to ensure that RFRA continues to adequately protect the religious liberty rights of every Kentuckian. ***SB 60 passed the Senate by a vote of 29-7 and was assigned to a committee in the House, but House Leadership did not allow a committee hearing, effectively killing the bill.***

## Baby Olivia Act (HB 397 by Rep. Nancy Tate)

HB 397 would ensure schools teach important facts about human development by adding a video to health curriculum that shows the beautiful process of human development in the womb. ***HB 397 was assigned to a House committee but, despite having 29 cosponsors, was never given a hearing, effectively killing the bill.***

## Exempt Churches from Sales & Use Tax (HB 37 by Rep. James Tipton)

HB 37 would exempt Churches from registering with the state to collect sales & use taxes, which burdens their ministries. ***Despite having 45 cosponsors, HB 37 was never given a committee hearing in the House, effectively killing the bill.***

## Women's Bill of Rights (SB 116 Sen. Lindsey Tichenor)

SB 116 would protect citizens by clearly defining male and female in state law and restricting use of protected spaces to one's biological sex. ***SB 116 was referred to the Senate Education Committee but never given a hearing, effectively killing the bill.***

## Stopping DEI in K-12 Schools (SB 165 Sen. Lindsey Tichenor)

Passage of SB 165 would ban & defund discriminatory DEI policies at public K-12 schools. ***SB 165 was referred to the Senate Education Committee but never given a hearing, effectively killing the bill.***