

## LWVIN WOMEN'S HEALTH/REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ADVOCATES UPDATE 2023



The Indiana Supreme Court held a hearing on the case *Members of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana, et al. v. Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, Inc., et al.* on January 19 at 9 am ET. You can watch the video at <https://mycourts.in.gov/arguments/> (allow at least 2 hours after the hearing ended at 10 am.) The primary issue in this case concerns the Right to Privacy.

After vigorous testimony from both Ken Falk of the ACLU and Tom Fisher, IN Deputy Attorney General, and incisive questions from the 5 Judges, **Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush said that an "opinion will be issued in due course."** Until then abortions in Indiana will continue as specified by Indiana law **before** the special session. Two other Court cases dealing with religious freedom have also been filed and heard by local courts. The Indiana Supreme Court hasn't indicated how it will deal with those.

In the meantime, we are following a variety of bills related to women's health, reproductive rights, contraceptives, equal pay, family and medical leave, and support for pregnant women and their babies. The list is below. We want to see action on the **pharmacy prescribed birth control pills**. It IS interesting that **SB 153 (pharmacist prescribed birth control)** was sponsored by Republican Ed Charbonneau, chairman of the Health and Provider Services Committee. **HB 1066 (Sexual health education)** sponsored by Errington and Pfaff is another bill of interest.

Please join our Advocates email list to get regular updates on these bills by sending an email to [LWVIN.WomensHealthAdvocates@gmail.com](mailto:LWVIN.WomensHealthAdvocates@gmail.com).

*Pam Locker, Sabrina Glidden, Betsy Kachmar, Joanne Evers, Pam Raider*

 <p><b>OUR CHOICE COALITION</b> Your Voice. Your Vote.</p> <p><b>Dust off your bellbottoms and join us for a 1973-Themed Fundraiser</b></p> <p><b>Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade</b> as we work to protect the reproductive rights of every Hoosier</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 22, 2023 3:30pm - 5:30pm Hi-Fi Indy 1043 Virginia Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46203</b></p>	<p>Hoosier Jews for Choice and the ACLU of Indiana Present:</p> <p><b>Indiana Abortion Laws</b> WHERE ARE WE NOW?</p> <p>Hear from ACLU of Indiana lawyer Stevie Pactor about the ongoing abortion rights litigation in Indiana, and participate in a Q&amp;A! <b>Join us: February 7 at 7pm, on zoom</b> <b>Register here: <a href="https://bit.ly/INAbortionLaws">Bit.ly/INAbortionLaws</a></b> Email <a href="mailto:hoosierjewsforchoice@gmail.com">hoosierjewsforchoice@gmail.com</a> with questions</p> <div data-bbox="861 1258 1386 1429"></div>
<p>Buy tickets here: <a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/occ_kick_off">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/occ_kick_off</a></p>	<p>To register go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ku7u6kpz">https://tinyurl.com/ku7u6kpz</a></p>

INDIANA WOMEN'S HEALTH/REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE BILLS as of January 18, 2023				
<a href="#">SB 4</a>	Charbonneau	<b>Public Health Commission</b> seeks to restructure the state's public health system and create "a uniform set of standards" that Hoosiers can expect when they go to a local health department. According to the bill, the state will funnel money to Indiana's local health departments with an 80-20 match. Local governments can choose whether to participate or not.	Health and Provider Services	OS (Open States)
<a href="#">SB 153</a>	Charbonneau	<b>Pharmacist contraceptive prescriptions.</b> Allows pharmacists who meet certain requirements to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives.	Health and Provider Services	OS
<a href="#">SB201</a>	Qaddoura	<b>Child welfare studies.</b> Requires the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana to study the needs of struggling families and their unborn and born children. Requires the Indiana department of health to develop and propose, not later than July 1, 2024, a strategic plan...	Family & Childrens Services	OS
<a href="#">SB206</a>	Breaux	<b>Pharmacist contraceptive prescriptions.</b> Allows pharmacists who meet certain requirements to prescribe self-administered hormonal contraceptives.	Health & Provider Services	OS
<a href="#">SB207</a>	Breaux	<b>FSSA matters.</b> Limits work requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to the minimum required by federal law.	Family & Childrens Services	OS
<a href="#">SB238</a>	Taylor	<b>Child and dependent care tax credit.</b> Provides a refundable child and dependent care tax credit to taxpayers whose adjusted gross income for the taxable year is not more than 250% of the federal poverty level.	Tax and Fiscal Policy	OS
<a href="#">SB 252</a>	Glick, Yoder	<b>Long acting reversible contraceptives.</b> Allows a long acting reversible contraceptive that is prescribed to and obtained for a Medicaid recipient to be transferred to another Medicaid recipient if certain requirements are met.	Health & Provider Services	OS
<a href="#">SB255</a>	Yoder	<b>Child and dependent care tax credit.</b> Provides a refundable child and dependent care tax credit to taxpayers whose adjusted gross income for the taxable year is not more than 250% of the federal poverty level.	Tax and Fiscal policy	OS
<a href="#">SB256</a>	Yoder	<b>Licensure of pregnancy resource centers.</b> Requires the licensure of pregnancy resource centers. Requires pregnancy resource centers to disclose specified information to patients.	Health and Provider Services	OS
<a href="#">SB 259</a>	Yoder	<b>Sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products.</b> Provides a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products.	Tax and Fiscal Policy	OS
<a href="#">SB 266</a>	Breaux	<b>Long acting reversible contraceptives.</b> Requires a hospital that operates a maternity unit to ensure that a woman giving birth in the hospital has the option of having a long acting reversible subdermal contraceptive implanted after delivery and before the woman is discharged..	Health and Provider Services	OS
<a href="#">SB 311</a>	Yoder	<b>Abortion. Reestablishes the licensure of abortion clinics.</b> Changes statutes concerning when an abortion may be performed. Removes the eight week limitation on the use of an abortion inducing drug. Allows, rather than requires, the revocation of a physician's license for the performance of an abortion in violation of the law.	Health and Provider Services	OS
<a href="#">SB 364</a>	Rodney Pol	<b>Paid family and medical leave program.</b> Requires the department of workforce development (department) to establish a paid family and medical leave program (program) to provide payments for employees who take family and medical leave.	Pensions and Labor	OS
<a href="#">SB 368</a>	Donato	<b>Early childhood care and education pilot program.</b> Establishes the early childhood care and education pilot program to provide a cost sharing approach to fund quality early childhood care and education.	Family and Child Services	OS

<a href="#">HB1066</a>	Errington, Pfaff	<b>Sexual health education.</b> Provides that if a state accredited school provides instruction on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases, the school shall provide comprehensive sexual health education, using appropriate instructors, to students in certain grade levels. Lists criteria for comprehensive sexual health education.	Education	OS
<a href="#">HB 1091</a>	Vermillion, Clere	<b>Continuous eligibility under Medicaid and CHIP.</b> Changes the requirements for submitting eligibility information for an individual who is: (1) less than 19 years of age; and (2) a recipient of either the Medicaid program or the children's health insurance program (CHIP) (programs).	Public Health	OS
<a href="#">HB1097</a>	Shackleford	<b>Healthy food incubator program.</b> Establishes the healthy food incubator program (program) and healthy food incubator fund (fund) under the administration of the Indiana housing and community development authority (IHCDA).	Agricultural & Rural Development	OS
<a href="#">HB1137</a>	Jackson	<b>Equal pay; wage disclosure protection.</b>	Employment, Labor, Pensions	OS
<a href="#">HB 1224</a>	Fleming, Clere, Vermillion, Errington	<b>Pharmacist contraceptive prescriptions.</b> Allows pharmacists to prescribe and dispense self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives and hormonal contraceptive patches (contraceptives).	Public Health	OS
<a href="#">HB1229</a>	Bauer, Fleming	<b>Infant formula price gouging.</b> Defines "price gouging" to include charging a consumer an unconscionable amount for the sale of infant formula.	Commerce, Small Business, and Economic Development	OS
<a href="#">HB 1234</a>	Klinker	<b>Rape kits.</b> Requires the superintendent of the state police department to adopt certain guidelines concerning medical forensic examination kits for victims of a sex crime and to obtain data from law enforcement agencies concerning kits in the agencies' possession.	Veterans Affairs and Public Safety	OS
<a href="#">HB 1243</a>	Campbell	<b>Paid family and medical leave program.</b> Requires the department of workforce development (department) to establish a paid family and medical leave program to provide payments for employees who take family and medical leave.	Employment, Labor and Pensions	OS
<a href="#">HB 1283</a>	Summers	<b>Funding of lactation rooms in public buildings.</b> Establishes a grant program to promote the installation of lactation rooms in public buildings.. Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the IHCDA for deposit in the grant fund.	Ways and Means	OS
<a href="#">HB 1302</a>	Vermilion, Negele, Fleming	<b>Pregnancy support services advisory board.</b> Changes the name of the doula reimbursement advisory board to the pregnancy support professions advisory board. Adds additional issues for the advisory board to consider and adds a member appointed by the executive director of the professional licensing agency.	Public Health	OS
<a href="#">HB 1364</a>	Negele	<b>Elements of rape.</b> Provides that a person commits rape, a Level 3 felony, if the other person submits to the sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct under the belief that the person committing the act is someone the victim knows, other than the person committing the act, and such belief is intentionally induced by any artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the person.	Courts and Criminal Code	OS
<a href="#">HB 1393</a>	Andrade, Bauer	<b>Childcare Assistance.</b> Raises the income eligibility limit for grants under the On My Way Pre-K program from 127% of the federal poverty level to 185% of the federal poverty level.	Family, Children & Human Affairs	OS
Up to SB 370; HB 1512 SB 50-64 and SB 92-131 are vehicle bills OS means I am tracking the bill at Open States at <a href="https://openstates.org/in/">https://openstates.org/in/</a>				