



Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) is the public policy voice of the Catholic bishops in Indiana regarding state and national matters.

Regarding Health and Healthcare:

HB1317 Health Care Advance Directive, authored by Rep. Kirchhofer from Beech Grove. This bill allows a person to make a health care advance directive and to appoint a healthcare representative. This bill which updates and simplifies current law by eliminating the need for a healthcare power of attorney and a living will, passed unanimously out of the House. It provides for a sample directive to be available as a guide. It also provides for the five wishes (1) The Person Who Will Make Care Decisions For The Patient (2) The Kind of Medical Treatment To Receive (3) How Comfortable The Patient Would Like to Be (4) How They Wish People to Treat Them (5) What They Would Like Their Loved Ones To Know, to be addressed. The ICC supports this bill in its current form. It is being held for a week in the Judiciary Committee with the expectation that an amendment will be presented.

HB1199 Palliative Care, authored by Rep. Clere from New Albany. This would allow for a hospice provider licensed in Indiana, to provide community based palliative care to a patient who is not eligible for hospice, if the hospice provider meets certain licensing requirements. Senate Health and Provider Services Committee voted to pass this bill 7-1. The ICC supports the respectful care for those at the end of their natural lives.

SB249 Exploitation of Dependents and Endangered Adults, authored by Sen. Young from Indianapolis. This bill seeks to protect vulnerable individuals by acknowledging and providing penalties when (1) person commits exploitation of a dependent or an endangered adult if the person recklessly uses or exerts control over the personal services or property of an endangered adult or dependent; and (2) person in a position of trust commits exploitation of a dependent or an endangered adult if the person recklessly engages in self-dealing with the property of the dependent or endangered adult. Increases the penalty if the person has a prior unrelated conviction. The ICC supports this bill which passed unanimously 11-0.

SB299 Fetal remains, authored by Sen. Liz Brown from Fort Wayne. This is a completion of House Enrolled Act 1337, which was upheld by the US Supreme Court. It required the dignified handling of fetal remains through either burial or cremation. This bill provides guideline for the Indiana Department of Health and facilities that conduct abortions or provide the methods for an at-home abortion. The ICC supports this bill which passed with bipartisan support 12-1.

Education Issues:

SB295 Various Education Matters, authored by Sen. Raatz from Richmond. Among other things would extend the date for all schools to provide age appropriate research and evidence based or research or evidence-based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students. This bill was held.

HB1003 Education Matters. Authored by Rep. Jordan from Bremen. This bill contains deregulation language and allows for teacher and grassroot involvement. It passed 10-3.

HB1066 Various Education Matters, authored by Rep. Thompson from Lizton provides for siblings and foster children to attend the same schools regardless of differing eligibility requirement. It also allows for the transfer of records for safety issues. Additionally, it provides for autism awareness training. ICC and INPEA have been working for years to address foster child and sibling voucher eligibility. The language affecting foster child and siblings is currently still in the bill. The ICC supports this bill. Accordingly, we encourage you to contact members of the Appropriations Committee to encourage them to also support this measure. Click [here](#) to support.

Other Issues:

HB1353 Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, authored by Rep. Burton from Whiteland. This bill would make changes to the United Consumer Credit Code (UCCC) in the form of fees charged by a variety of lending institutions such as banks, pawnshops, credit unions and other entities. This bill was held.

SB109 Statute of Limitations, authored by Sen. Crider from Greenfield. This allows child sexual assault criminal cases that may have been barred to be filed no later than five years from the earlier of the date on which: (1) the state first discovers DNA evidence sufficient to charge the offender; (2) the state first becomes aware of a recording that provides evidence sufficient to charge the offender; or (3) a person confesses to the offense. The House Criminal Code Committee passed this bill 10-0.

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