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

Senate Public Policy Committee passed HB 1211, Abortion matters, without any changes 7 – 3. The bill **prohibits dismemberment abortion** conducted during the second trimester. **ICC supports the bill** as it will protect babies in the womb. **The full Senate will vote next week.**

House Family, Children and Human Affairs Committee passed SB 440, TANF eligibility, 12 – 0 after adding amendments to delay implementation and to insure TANF funds do not take away from childhood development fund. TANF eligibility guidelines and monthly support has not been updated for decades. Under current law, Indiana only serves families and children who are living under 16% of federal poverty guidelines. **SB 440 will increase the level of eligibility to 50% of federal poverty guidelines.** The bill has been **reassigned to the Ways & Means Committee.** **ICC supports the bill.**

Senate Public Health Committee passed HB 1547, Consent to pregnancy services of a minor, 7 – 0. HB 1547 provides that a minor between the ages of 16 – 18 may consent for pregnancy, labor and postpartum care, after a health provider first attempts to reach the parent for consent; if unable to make contact or the parent refuses to give consent the minor can then give consent. The bill calls for the doctor to respond in the best interest of the mother and the baby. **The genesis of the bill is to address maternal and infant mortality. ICC is monitoring the bill** to ensure that parental rights are maintained.

House Financial Affairs Committee heard SB 613, Consumer credit, on Tuesday; no decision on bill at this time. An amendment is expected should the bill move. **ICC opposes the bill** and prefers that it not move or a study committee be the outcome. Although families may need credit, the interest and fees allowed by SB 613 are exploitative and result in further harm and debt for borrowers. **The bill remains under consideration by the committee.**

HB 1225, Safe schools, passed the Senate 48 – 0, without changes to the House passed bill. **It will move on for the Governor's signature.** The bill authorizes the county sheriff and schools in the county **to utilize secured school grant funds for an active warning system** for an emergency event. The system will automatically notify all emergency personnel within the county to respond immediately. **All schools, including all non-public schools, are to be included** within the system should it be installed. **ICC supports the bill.**

In addition to the Update, **more detailed information regarding the bills, as well as detailed information about the legislative process and the Indiana General Assembly can be obtained by clicking [here](#).** Archived I-CAN Updates, ICC positions and other background information can be accessed on the ICC website www.indianacc.org