

2021 Legislative Agenda



HB 1577 | CREATING PROTECTIONS FOR BABIES AND MOTHERS

- Added new requirements for abortion providers, including requiring them to furnish an ultrasound image of the unborn baby to the patient considering an abortion at no cost to the mother. It also limits the dispensing of dangerous, abortion-inducing drugs, and requires abortion providers to notify women about abortion-reversal medication availability. **IFI Supported** | Status: Passed by House and Senate; Signed by Governor.



SB 1 | CREATING COVID-19 CIVIL IMMUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

- Creates civil immunity for Hoosier businesses concerned about customers who might try to sue them for potential exposure to COVID-19. This bill protects small businesses and families from frivolous lawsuits and ensures that businesses can continue to operate during times of emergency. **IFI Supported** | Status: Passed by House and Senate; Signed by Governor.



SB 5 | PROTECTING HOOSIERS FROM GOVERNMENT OVERREACH

- Limits the authority of county health departments to create restrictions on local establishments, such as capacity caps that are lower than those allowed by the Fire Marshal. This bill was drafted for the purposes of giving Hoosiers a way to appeal restrictions that they felt were burdensome. **IFI Supported** | Status: Passed by House and Senate; Vetoed by Governor Holcomb; Veto Overridden.



SB 187 | PROTECTION OF STATUES, MONUMENTS, AND MEMORIALS

- Requires the state police to prioritize investigations and prosecutions of people who destroy, damage, vandalize, or desecrate a monument. As supporters of civic education and good citizenship, this bill was necessary to combat the violence and vandalism seen around the country during recent race riots. **Status: Passed by House and Senate; Signed by Governor.**



SB 202 | GUARANTEEING VISITATION RIGHTS FOR ELDERLY HOOSIERS

- Addressed visitation rights at health and residential care facilities. This bill requires that elderly Hoosiers be allowed to designate an essential family caregiver that can visit during times of emergency. After approval, an essential family caregiver would be granted visitation during specified periods. **IFI Supported** | Status: Passed by House and Senate; Signed by Governor.



SB 263 | DEEMING RELIGIOUS SERVICES AS ESSENTIAL DURING PUBLIC EMERGENCIES

- Deems religious activities essential services and prohibits the state from imposing restrictions on religious organizations that are more restrictive than restrictions imposed on other businesses and organizations. IFI supports protection for churches during public emergencies. **IFI Supported** | Status: Passed by House and Senate; Signed by Governor