

Indiana Family Institute

2025 Legislative Session Policy Briefs

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- I. Legislation:** [HB #1669](#)
- A. **Author(s):** Rep. Bruce Borders
 - B. **Co-Authors:** Rep. Michelle Davis
- II. Bill Status:**
- A. Referred to House Committee Courts & Criminal Code, Did Not Receive Hearing
- III. Executive Summary:**
- A. HB #1669
 - 1. Defines "adult oriented performance".
 - 2. Provides that a governmental entity may not organize or host an adult oriented performance or fund an adult oriented performance using public funds.
 - 3. Requires an adult oriented performance operator to check identification at the entrance to an adult oriented performance to prevent a minor from attending.
 - 4. Allows the Attorney General to issue civil investigative demands or bring an action if certain measures are not taken to prevent a minor from attending the adult oriented performance.
 - 5. Establishes a criminal penalty if an individual knowingly and intentionally does the following:
 - a) Engages or participates in an adult orientated performance on public property or with public funds.
 - b) Fails to prevent a minor from attending an adult oriented performance.
- IV. Analysis:**
- A. As part of the continued pushback by the GOP and conservatives nationwide against the left-leaning ideologies and anti-family rhetoric made prevalent by previous democratic administrations; Indiana House Bill (HB) 1669 aimed to follow suit, taking a stand for pro-family ideals and the protection of minors. This legislation, authored by Rep. Bruce Borders, aims to define what an “adult oriented performance is” and prevents public dollars being used to fund such types of shows. Additionally, this bill allows the attorney general’s office to pursue actions against violators of this law, and additionally enforces criminal law if an entity knowingly allows a minor to or encourages a minor to attend an adult oriented performance. While this bill did not receive a hearing by Courts & Criminal Code Committee Chairwoman Wendy MacNama, this bill brings to light an important issue facing the State of Indiana and will most likely be pursued in some form in legislative sessions to come.
- V. Conclusion:**
- A. Indiana Family Institute supports HB 1669 (Rep. Borders), because this legislation aims to protect minors from explicit adult-oriented shows, allows the attorney general to enforce stiff penalties for perpetrators of this law, and it defines what adult-oriented shows are. Additionally, IFI supports the fiscal responsibility of this bill, stating that entities cannot use public dollars to provide adult-oriented shows, limiting the scope of resources for groups that want to put on this type of entertainment. Had it been passed, HB 1669 would have positively impacted Hoosier families and protected the next generation.