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SUPPORT

Human Rights

SB 111 (Biss) and **HB 217** (Cassidy): Creates the Youth Mental Health Protection Act, which would protect the physical and mental health of LGBT youth by prohibiting licensed mental health providers from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts. *EQIL initiative. HB 217 is on Third Reading in the House.*

HB 3552 (Rep. Guzzardi/Sen. Delgado): In the written instructions for the disposition of his or her remains, allows a person to designate his or her gender identity. *Passed House of Representatives, on First Reading in the Senate.*

HB 3930 (Yingling): Establishes consistency among the protected categories in the State's hate crimes statutes. *Third Reading in the House.*

SB 1363 (Silverstein): Creates the Workplace Bullying Act, which prohibits bullying on the basis of enumerated categories, including sexual orientation and gender-related identity and expression. *Assigned to Senate Labor Committee.*

Human Trafficking

SB 43 (J. Morrison): Requires IDOT and DHS to work together to publicize the national human trafficking hotline. According to the U.S. Administration for Children and Families, homeless LGBT youth face a significant chance of becoming victims of human trafficking. At least 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBT. *Third Reading in the Senate.*

SB 1751 (Sen. J. Morrison/Rep. Feigenholtz): Requires DCFS to convene a multi-disciplinary workgroup to review treatment programs for youth in the Department's care who are victims of sex trafficking and to make recommendations regarding the care of these youth. *Passed the Senate, on First Reading on the House.*

HB 2556 (Wheeler): Creates the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act. Requires certain businesses to prominently post a notice for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, including its hotline number. Provides penalties for businesses that fail to comply. *Second Reading in the House.*

HB 2822 (Bellock): Creates the Human Trafficking Task Force, which is directed to develop a State plan to address human trafficking and establish policies enabling the State to work with government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to prevent human trafficking and provide assistance to its victims. *Third Reading in the House.*

HB 3583 (Tabares): Creates the Human Trafficking Prevention Act. Requires certain businesses to prominently post a notice for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, including its hotline number. Provides penalties for businesses that fail to comply. *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

Police Sensitivity

HB 104 (Flowers): Establishes the Police Sensitivity Task Force to investigate instances of racial disparity related to traffic stops and make recommendations for a sensitivity curriculum. *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

HB 105 (Flowers): Requires State Police troopers to receive sensitivity training in human



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rights (including civil rights and cultural diversity). *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

HB 4103 (Wallace): Requires State Police troopers to receive sensitivity training in human rights (including civil rights and cultural diversity). *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention

SB 1793 (Hastings): Requires ISBE to develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention policy and curriculum. Requires each school board to adopt an age-appropriate youth suicide awareness and prevention policy and require four hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention every five years for professional educators serving students grades 6-12. *Third Reading.*

HB 3582 (Tabares): Requires ISBE to establish a bullying hotline, with voicemail capabilities provided after working hours. Also requires ISBE to maintain an internet-based opportunity for bullying reports to be submitted. *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

Right of Conscience

SB 1564 (Biss). Amends the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act to give a patient the right to medically accurate and complete information and referrals. Currently, statute allows health care providers to refuse to provide any health care service, information, or referral if they have a moral or religious objection. *Second Reading.*

Medical Care

SB 1754 (Biss) and **HB 2812** (C. Mitchell). Ensures Medicaid Managed Care Entities do not send an explanation of benefits for sensitive services (mental health services, substance abuse

treatment services, reproductive health services, family planning services, STI and STD services, sexual assault services, and domestic violence services) in order to protect their members' confidentiality and reduce barriers to accessing care. *SB 1754 is on Second Reading in the Senate. HB 2812 passed the House of Representatives.*

SB 1318 (Martinez). Allows a person to request confidential communications from insurance companies regarding sensitive medical information. *Second Reading.*

School Discipline

SB 100 (Lightford): Amends the School Code. Prohibits all disciplinary fines and fees; limits out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, and alternative disciplinary placements; and prohibits zero-tolerance policies unless required by federal law or the School Code. *Supported by the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance. Third Reading.*

Resolutions

HR 201 (Currie): Establishes April 14, 2015 as Pay Equity Day.

HR 253 (Flowers): Resolves that the Illinois House does not support reductions in Medicaid coverage or benefits.

SR 51 (Morrison): Designates Sept. 2015 as Teen Suicide Prevention Month.

SR 90 (Morrison): Requests that DCFS and DPH collaborate and devise policy recommendations regarding HIV supportive services and prevention recommendations for HIV+ and at-risk youth in the care of DCFS. *Supported by AIDS Foundation of Chicago.*



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OTHER BILLS

HB 1531 (K. Burke): Creates the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015. The bill brings numerous provisions in line with the model code and consistent with other Illinois statutes. *Third Reading.*

HB 2443 (Kay): Rights of parents to review learning materials or activities and opt-out students from classes or programs. *Re-referred to Rules Committee.*

SB 1507 (Bertino-Tarrant): Provides a process for school districts to opt out of unfunded mandates, except those concerning student health, life, or safety and civil rights and protections. *Re-referred to Assignments Committee.*

SB 1553 (Haine): Provides that it is unlawful for an employer to inquire into an employee's religious beliefs. Creates an exemption for churches and religious or faith-based organizations. *Re-referred to Assignments Committee.*