

Legislative Week 2

(March 21-23)

Introduced Bills We're Watching

HOSPITAL VISITATION



SPONSOR: Sen. Gudger [SB2](#)

DESCRIPTION: This bill would provide that residents, clients, or patients of a health care facility have the right to visit with any individual of their choosing during the facility's visiting hours. It would also require health care facilities to allow essential caregivers at least two hours of daily visitation.

STATUS: The bill passed out of the Senate Healthcare Committee and is headed to the Senate floor.

EF's POSITION: We support this bill.

K-12 OPEN ENROLLMENT



SPONSOR: Rep. Garrett [HB73](#)

DESCRIPTION: This bill would require each local board of education and public charter school to create and adopt an intradistrict enrollment policy and an interdistrict enrollment policy addressing open enrollment.

STATUS: The bill passed out of the House Education Policy Committee and is headed to the House floor.

EF's POSITION: Open enrollment can increase parental choice in public education and that's a positive thing. However, we are currently neutral on this because we are awaiting clarification on a few points. Stay tuned for next week's update as we may have more details to share.



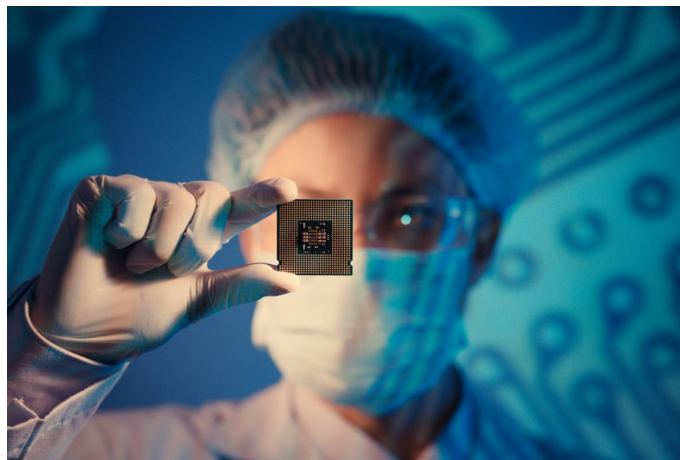
SPONSOR: Sen. Chambliss [SB10](#)

DESCRIPTION: This bill would prohibit the use of electronic vote counting systems that are capable of connection to the Internet or cell phone networks or that possess modem technology.

STATUS: The bill passed out of the Senate State Governmental Affairs Committee and is headed to the Senate floor.

EF's POSITION: We support this bill.

MICROCHIPPING HUMANS



SPONSOR: Rep. Chestnut (D) [HB4](#)

DESCRIPTION: This bill would make it unlawful for certain individuals to require another individual to be implanted with a microchip.

STATUS: The bill passed out of the House Judiciary Committee and is headed

to the House floor.

EF's POSITION: We supported this bill as introduced but would have preferred the bill to prohibit ANYONE from microchipping another person against their will. However, harmful amendments were added in committee that would allow the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles to microchip certain inmates or paroles. (See highlighted text in bill link). **NOTE:** Cam Ward, director of the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles, *made it clear to APR* Friday that the bureau isn't interested in moving toward that technology, at least not under his leadership. Eagle Forum believes the rights of humans' bodily autonomy should be protected.

ACTION: Please contact your *House member* and ask them to amend the bill so that NO ONE is permitted to microchip another person against their will.

THIS WEEK (March 28-30) **IS SPRING BREAK FOR LEGISLATORS!**

EF's 2023 Legislative Priorities

- Passing the *Parental Rights In Childrens Education* (PRICE) Act (Universal School Choice bill)
- Ensuring state monies don't fund abortions
- Protecting citizens from divisive Critical Race Theory
- Ensuring Alabama remains free of state-sponsored gambling
- Raising the age of medical consent
- Protecting the unborn from marijuana
- Ensuring cell phones are sold with porn filters enabled
- Ensuring Parents have Transparency in school materials



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