

Legislative Week 3

(April 4-6: Legislative Days 5-7)

NEW BILLS THIS WEEK

PARENTAL PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR MINORS TO RECEIVE VACCINES



SPONSOR: Rep. Chip Brown (R) [HB187](#)

DESCRIPTION: This bill would require consent of a parent or legal guardian for any minor to receive a vaccination.

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

EF's POSITION: We support this bill.

FIRST GRADE READINESS & EARLY KINDERGARTEN



SPONSOR: Rep. Warren (D) [HB43](#)

DESCRIPTION: This bill requires a child who becomes six years of age

between September 1 and December 31 to complete kindergarten or demonstrate first grade readiness before entering the first grade. It also allows a 4 year old to enter public kindergarten under certain circumstances.

STATUS: The bill passed out of the House Education Policy Committee.

EF's POSITION: **It needs to be amended.**

THE GOOD: We support first grade readiness! Too many children are entering first grade before they are intellectually ready and that is setting them on a poor trajectory. One of the ways to solve that problem is to require that they either successfully complete kindergarten or pass a first-grade readiness test. (FYI: Kindergarten is not mandatory in AL and we support that. Less than **20 states** require children to attend kindergarten.)

THE BAD: This bill also amends current law to allow children who are four-years old to attend public kindergarten. They wouldn't have to turn 5 until half-way through the school year! This is too young for the majority of children. According to the **fiscal note** this provision could cost the state \$29.6M. We would support this bill **if** the kindergarten age was not amended to allow 4-year olds to enter kindergarten. **We cannot support the bill with this provision.**

PROTECTING NON-PROFITS



SPONSOR: Sen. Smitherman (D) Rep Keil (R) **SB59**

DESCRIPTION: This bill would prohibit a public agency from unlawful disclosure of personal information about donors, members, supporters, or volunteers of a 501(c) organization.

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

EF's POSITION: We support this bill.

NO STATUS CHANGES TO LAST WEEK'S BILLS
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JOIN US ON ZOOM MONDAY @ 6:00PM
To Hear About the PRICE Act
AL's Universal School Choice Bill



Click to watch 14 minute presentation about the PRICE Act

On Monday, April 10th at 6:00PM we will host a Zoom call where we will discuss the Parental Rights In Children's Education (PRICE) Act. It's Alabama's universal Education Savings Account bill. Sen. Steve Smith from AZ who helped pass their universal school choice bill will be joining us. If you can't join us, you can click the pic above to watch a short video about the PRICE Act. To join the call, use the Zoom info below. First come first served as our Zoom room only accommodates 100 people.

Time: Apr 10, 2023 6:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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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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