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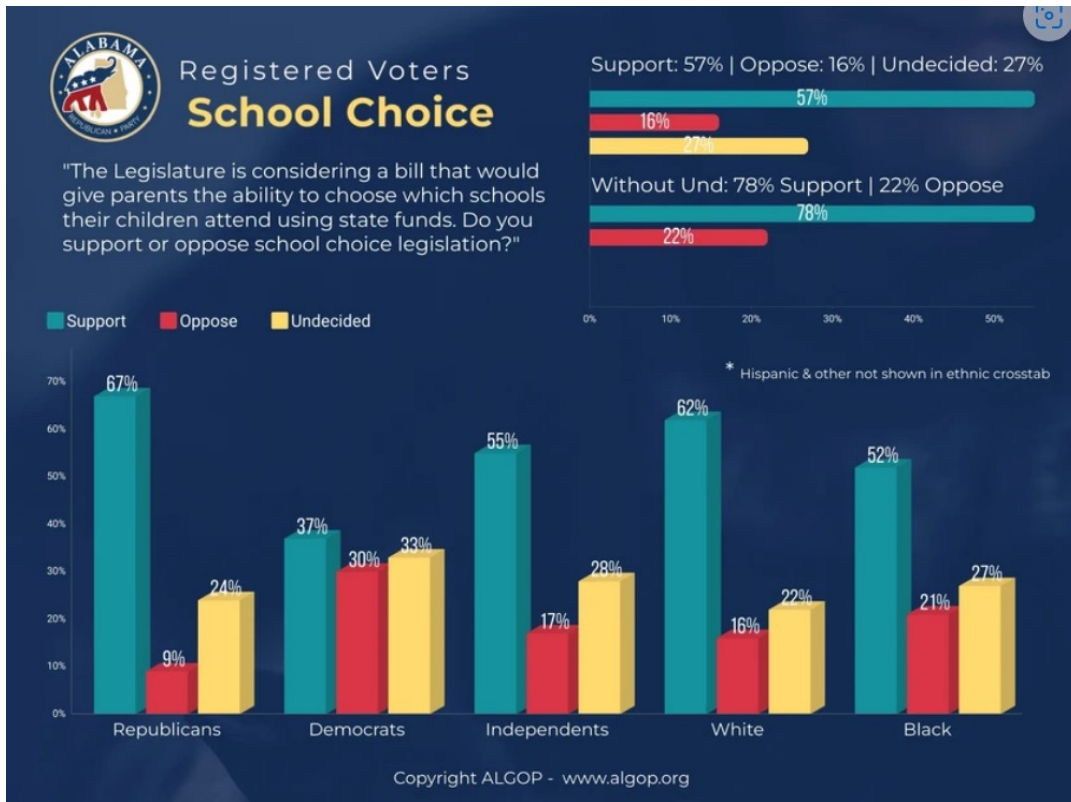
Legislative Update

2023

## Legislative Week 10 (May 23-25 - Legislative Days 24-27)

### PRICE ACT

We are so proud of our House and Senate sponsors and all of our volunteers who worked so hard to educate the legislature about the *Parental Rights in Children's Education Act (PRICE)*, Alabama's universal school choice bill. Even though we had enough votes to pass it in the Senate, leadership chose not to allow it to go to the floor for a vote. Meaningful universal school choice is not going away and we will stay in the fight. See polling below.



**JOIN OUR PRESS CONF - Wed at 11:00**  
TO URGE SENATE TO PROTECT CHILDREN  
FROM ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE TO  
HARD-CORE PORNOGRAPHY

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 31st at 11:00am

**WHERE:** AL State House Rm 310 (11 S. Union, Montgomery)

**WHY:** Big tech is fighting hard against a simple software update that would protect children from accidental exposure to hard core porn. Question: Does Big Tech *want* young children addicted to pornography?

**FACTS:**

- Children as young as 3 are accidentally being exposed to hard core pornography on cell phones and tablets. Child on child sex crimes are skyrocketing due to this exposure.
- Every cell phone and tablet has an "explicit content" (porn) filter-but it is automatically toggled to "off". To turn it "on" requires multiple confusing steps.
- [HB298](#) would require cell phone/tablet manufactures to activate a simple software update so that anytime a NEW phone or tablet is purchased and activated in Alabama the explicit content filter automatically toggles to "on". The purchaser is given a password to turn the filter off if desired.
- Big tech makes a ton of money from porn and their paid lobbyists are fighting hard against this bill.
- HB298 has 59 co-sponsors and passed the House 70-8. This bill is a "no-brainer" protection for minors. We urge Senate leadership to bring HB298 to the floor for a vote. [See flyer here.](#)
- **Please stand with us on Wednesday at 11:00 in room 310 to show you support protecting minors from pornography.**

## **GOOD NEWS**

[HB4](#) A bill to ban microchipping humans passed in week 9. A big thanks goes out to Rep. Chestnut for bringing the important legislation.

[HB6](#) (Rep. Paschal) This bill establishes legislative findings relating to the fundamental rights of parents; and to provide that the government may not burden certain fundamental rights of parents. It passed the full House and is waiting for Rule committee to place it on the calendar.

## **NEW BILLS ON THE RADAR THAT HAVE A CHANCE TO PASS THIS SESSION**



# GAMBLING EXPANSION

**BILL:** [SB324](#) Sen. Singleton

**BILL DESCRIPTION:** This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Greene County, to provide legislative findings, and provide for the expansion of pari-mutuel wagering.

**BILL STATUS:** It passed the Senate 24-1 and is headed to the House.

**EF's POSITION:** We do not support this legislation. Filing this bill as a "local" bill is a new tactic to expand gambling. Legislators vote "yes" for most local bills. Since this would be a constitutional amendment, if it becomes law, there will be no contest to it and Greene County will have unlimited gambling on computerized machines. Also, if this bill passes, we can expect legislators to use this same tactic to expand gambling throughout the state. Attorney Eric Johnston from SE Law Institute, who has been on the front lines of the gambling issue for 30 years gave a 2 minute compelling testimony as to why this legislation must be stopped. Stephanie Smith from API also spoke in opposition to SB324 right after Mr. Johnston. [Please watch here-begin at the 12:21 mark.](#)

**ACTION:** Please [find](#) and contact your **State House** member (not federal house member) ask him/her to vote NO on SB324-Greene County gambling expansion.

## BABY BOXES

**BILL:** [HB473](#) Rep. Givens

**BILL DESCRIPTION:** This bill would provide for the surrender of an infant to an emergency medical services provider or a hospital; and would provide for the surrender of an infant in a baby safety device. [See Safe Haven Baby Boxes here.](#)

**BILL STATUS:** HB473 passed the full House (96-0) and is waiting to be picked by the Senate Rules committee to go to the floor for a vote.

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## ONLY 2 DAYS LEFT!

Please contact the [Senate Rules Committee](#) and ask them to pick the following bills to come to the floor.

- [HB298](#) Cell Phone Porn Filter Bill
- [HB473](#) Baby Boxes
- [HB6](#) Parental Rights Bill

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