

We ignite collective action that creates better lives for children and families.

## **Support- Encourage a Yes Vote**

SB 1144- Helps keep children out of the foster care system with TANF support to relatives and nonrelated individuals placed with children by the court.

SB 1250- Overdose and disease prevention program. Syringe and education program.

HB 2141- Diversion program funding- would allow counties to be able to divert non-violent offenders, especially those needing substance abuse support and treatment, from the Justice System.

HB 2189- Coordinated reentry effort for justice release to support substance abuse treatment and behavioral health. This would take what is successfully happening in Yavapai County to the rest of the State.

HB 2320- Allows for the sealing of records. Many individuals are denied housing, employment and benefits because of a simple drug offense or other low-level felony. This is a step in the right direction.

HB 2402- Pauses school letter grades for two years while addressing the pandemic. CCC&Y wants high accountability for schools. However, the current system does not account for issues some schools are facing such as high levels of trauma, poverty and inequity faced by their student population. The current system is not measuring success across issues faced by districts. We would support using the time of this pause to revamp the grading system for true measures of outcome that identify and provide resources that ensure a high-quality education for ALL students.

HB 2410- Increases the Safe Haven timeframe, when babies may be dropped off at designated locations such as fire departments, from 72 hours to 30 days.

HB 2459- Prosecutes adults whose actions incite a minor's death by suicide.

HB 2673- Addresses mandatory minimum sentences by giving judicial discretion.

HB 2713- Expands the use of early release credits (parole) based on the level of offense. This is a starting step to address one of the highest per capita prison populations in the nation.

## Oppose- Encourage a No Vote

SB 1452- This move expands vouchers for private schools and diverts needed funding away from public education.

SB 1325 (was previously SB 1482)- Removes the authority from licensing and governing agencies to discipline clinical and therapeutic decisions based on personal belief and religion. It targets the LGBTQ+ community but also has the potential for wide implications when accountability of the profession is decreased.

## **Neutral**

SB 1077- Foster youth employment tax credit. Foster youth need supports and connections to have the stability needed for employment. These issues are not addressed through this tax credit.

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