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Arizona Legislature Request to Speak System

Allows individuals and groups to sign in to show support, opposition, or neutral positions on bills.

Support- Encourage a Yes Vote

SB 1116- Extends former foster youth support to age 26. Provides needed support such as life skills and resources.

SB 1272- Extends AHCCCS coverage for pregnant women to 12 months post-partum.

HB 2033- Ends extra juvenile court administrative fines and fees. Helps young people avoid falling into cycle of debt and poverty.

HB 2084- Kinship Care Level One Fingerprint Card Waivers for licensing- does not remove background checks but does remove barriers to kinship care.

SB 2111- Appropriates 10 million toward the Healthy Families program. Healthy Families provides in-home visitation and support to families.

HB 2274- Increase kinship stipend from \$75 to \$300 per month. Helps support children remaining with family.

Oppose- Encourage a No Vote

HB 2112- CCC&Y supports accurate and comprehensive history curriculum. This measure would prohibit education related to historical trauma and injustices.

SB 1131- Empowerment Scholarship Accounts expansion bill. CCC&Y does not support voucher or tax credit expansion until public education funding is addressed.

HB 2161- Would require teachers to “out” students to their parents. LGBTQIA students may have reasons, including safety reasons, for disclosing to a trusted teacher instead of their caregivers.

HB 2808- Bill is aimed at addressing D and F graded schools. However, it is not addressing the root cause of issues children and families face such as poverty, access to nutrition and technology. There has been no community input, and there has not been public debate. Decisions will be made based on testing that many describe as flawed. These measures do not account for the societal variables schools face. This bill would open the door to school take over from groups- including national ones- with little transparency and accountability. At a minimum, this should be slowed down to allow for input and discussion. Further, we have not resourced schools facing the most challenges appropriately. We continue to operate under a punitive system that punishes schools for the societal hardships they are facing rather than offering the necessary support.

HB 1399- Is a response to an issue that is not present in Arizona. Further, a major tenant of the foster care system has been that children and their biological families have freedom of religion. This bill has language that introduces support for foster families to impose their religious beliefs and practices onto the foster children.

A Note About Public Education Funding:

Public School Districts have been facing immense challenges exacerbated by a global pandemic. The budgeting and finance processes in Arizona are making these challenges even more difficult. Switching to current year funding, where schools are losing funding mid-year when they already have active contracts, as opposed to previous year funding is one example of the challenges facing districts. Holding districts to a 1980 funding limit and walking needed decisions up to the March 1st deadline was another. Further, CCC&Y continues to support proposition 208. This measure was passed by the voters and was a response to voters’ repeated requests for adequate school funding. CCC&Y signed on to [this letter](#).