

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HUGE VICTORIES THIS WEEK: INDIANA LAWMAKERS REMOVE THE DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN DISTRIBUTING OBSCENITY (PORNOGRAPHY) TO MINORS WHILE LEAVING THE PROTECTIONS IN PLACE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE KINSEY INSTITUTE HAS BEEN DEFUNDED FROM TAXPAYER DOLLARS!!

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In a last minute maneuver Indiana lawmakers passed HB1447 which included an amendment originally drafted for SB12. Because House Education Chairman, Bob Behning, refused to hear SB12 on its own merits, lawmakers sought to include SB12's House amendment in HB1447 through a Conference Committee.

Purple for Parents of Indiana has worked tirelessly the last three years, alongside Senator Jim Tones, in order to safeguard minors from obscenity (pornography) which has surfaced in classrooms up and down the state of Indiana. Unbeknownst to most Hoosiers, Indiana is 1 of 43 states that has a loophole which allows schools and public libraries to legally distribute obscene matter to minors (IC:35-49-3-4). By removing this loophole, Hoosier children are safer in classrooms today than they were yesterday. Should parents discover obscene matter in their child's classroom or library, they can now take action and hold their schools accountable. Additionally, prosecutors are no longer blocked from prosecuting these cases due to this defense.

We want to thank Senator Jim Tones for his unwavering courage the last 3 years to remove this exemption and protect Hoosier children. We also want to thank Representative Becky Cash, who carried our bill in the House this year!

Unfortunately, lawmakers failed to include in this measure the removal of the exemption for public libraries which have now become a gateway to porn addiction for minors. Many members of the Purple for Parents of Indiana family have found obscene material throughout their local public library. We encourage parents to search out this material and let us know when you find obscenity. As Senator Liz Brown stated in Judiciary Committee testimony, obscenity is always illegal. We encourage you to seek action from your local sheriff and prosecutor.

Lastly, another HUGE victory led by House Representative Lorissa Sweet, is the official defunding of the Kinsey Institute through our 2023/2024 budget. The Kinsey Institute, which was incorporated into Indiana University in recent years, is responsible for the destruction of our society through sexual perversion and rape and torture of infants and children. Hoosier taxpayers should not be forced to fund such dastardly activity and we are excited to have accomplished this significant effort during the current budget session!

Thank you to all of you who made the many phone calls, emails and visits to the statehouse to stand with us. Today, we declare victory!