

# 2010 Legislative Session Summary



THIS REPORT PROVIDES A SUMMARY of Center for Arizona Policy's (CAP) work during the 2010 legislative session. Special thanks should be given to CAP's loyal supporters whose continued sacrifice on behalf of Arizona families made possible our most successful legislative session ever – for the second year in a row. For a more detailed report, please visit [www.azpolicy.org/2010legislativesummary](http://www.azpolicy.org/2010legislativesummary).

## Session Summary

	2009	2010	Total
Pro-Family, CAP-Supported Bills Signed Into Law	10	12	22
Anti-Family, CAP-Opposed Bills Signed Into Law	0	0	0
Bills Expanding Abortion Rights Signed Into Law	0	0	0
Bills Expanding Homosexual Agenda Signed Into Law	0	0	0
Bills Expanding Gambling Signed Into Law	0	0	0

## Featured Victories

**Ban on Taxpayer Funding for Abortion** (SB 1305) – With the passage and signing of this bill, Arizona became the first state in the nation to opt-out of providing abortion coverage in any insurance exchange in the new federal healthcare plan. The bill also ensures that your state tax dollars do not fund abortion insurance coverage for employees of the state or local governments.

**Parental Rights** (SB 1309) – With this law, Arizona became a **leader in protecting the rights of parents to raise their children**. The new law puts the common sense rule in our statutes that parents (not government officials) are the ones who should direct the education and upbringing of their children. The law includes provisions that:

- Require parents to **provide signed, written permission** for their children to participate in sex education classes.
- Protect children from mental-health treatment outside of a doctor's office without parental consent.
- Arizona schools will be required to notify parents when materials about sexuality are presented in non-sex education classes.
- Ensure that parents have access to their children's medical records.

**Child Prostitution Penalties** (HB 2238) – Arizona law is strengthened to better protect minors that are being raped for profit. Predators seeking child prostitutes no longer will be able to avoid prosecution by claiming they did not know the age of the prostitute.

## Legislative Victories

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### Sanctity of Life

**Abortion Reporting Requirements** (SB 1304) – Arizonans now will know the facts about abortion in the state as abortion providers will be required by law to report data about abortion, including physical harm to women.

**Human Egg Provider Protection** (SB 1306) and **Ethical Treatment of Human Embryos** (SB 1307) – Arizona leads the nation in enacting common-sense, ethical regulations for protecting the dignity of human life that **do not interfere with legitimate bio-tech research**. The new laws include provisions that:

- Require informed consent before a woman donates or sells her eggs to clinics.
- Prohibit the sale of human eggs for research purposes and prohibit the sale of human embryos for any purpose.
- Prohibit human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the creation of human-animal hybrids.

### Protecting Religious Liberty

**Religious Freedom; Land Use** (HB 2596) – Arizona leads the nation in enacting a state law to protect the First Amendment rights of churches to use their property for worship.

### School Choice

**Tax Credit Scholarship Program Reform** (HB 2663 and HB 2664) – Arizona’s scholarship tax credit programs have been improved to **provide greater accountability** and to give taxpayers the information they need to **make an informed decision** when donating to school tuition organizations.

**Tax Credit Donations Deadline** (SB 1274) – Arizona children will have more opportunities to attend the schools that best meet their needs by extending the scholarship tax credit donation deadline from December 31 to April 15.

**University Scholarship Equity** (SB 1280) – Arizona universities will now report how scholarships are awarded to all students whether they attend public, private, charter, or home schools.

### Initiative and Referendum

**Ballot Language Review** (HB 2647) – Arizona’s initiative and referendum process will become more transparent and accountable as state officials will be required to publicize the ballot yes/no language in a timely manner.

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**THREE CAP-SUPPORTED BILLS DID NOT RECEIVE FINAL PASSAGE:** Marital Preference for Adoption (HB 2148), Religious Freedom; Campaign Finance (HB 2490), and Divorce Reform (SB 1094).

**NO BILLS OPPOSED BY CAP WERE SUCCESSFUL**, including bills to create a domestic partner registry (HB 2353), require sex education starting in kindergarten (HB 2361), and eliminate the scholarship tax credits (HB 2597).