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## Bills for Life

### SB 1367 Delivered Alive Infant Clarification

Sometimes babies survive abortions. In those situations, the law requires doctors do everything they can to save the baby's life. Tragically, that doesn't always happen and the baby suffers alone and dies. SB 1367 strengthens existing law with rules of minimum standards of care, equipping doctors to do everything possible to save the life of a baby born alive.

### SB 1439 End-of-Life Rights of Conscience

Healthcare providers should never be forced to violate their conscience when treating a patient. Arizona law already protects healthcare providers who do not want to participate in abortions and other actions. SB 1439 builds on that, protecting health care workers from forced involvement in services that may cause or assist in causing a patient's death.



## Arizona Makes List of All-Stars

Americans United for Life named Arizona one of four all-star states for its efforts in protecting the preborn and the well-being of their mothers. Arizona made the list in 2014 too.

## Abortion Rates Continue to Drop

Arizona's Department of Health Services annual report shows an overall decline in abortions of 12% from 2011 to 2015. CAP's Cathi Herrod commented, "The fact that fewer women are getting abortions almost every year is extremely encouraging."

# 12%

1,746 fewer abortions  
in 2015 than in 2011

## ESAs for School Choice

Arizona lawmakers are considering two school choice bills that would help more families find the best educational environment for their children. SB 1431/HB 2394 would expand eligibility for Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) to all Arizona students. Currently, only certain groups are eligible for the program.

SB 1281/HB 2465 would make several revisions to improve the operation of the ESA program and enhance accountability.

Senate Education  
Committee members hear  
testimony on ESA bills





# Advocating so your family can thrive.

## CandidlySpeaking

An insider's view of the first 100 days

CAP  
Family Dinner  
— with —  
Tucker Carlson  
Host of Fox News' Tucker Carlson Tonight

April 22 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Arizona Biltmore Resort  
[azpolicy.org/cfd2017](http://azpolicy.org/cfd2017)

**The Stand** is our February 2017 newsletter! In the middle of the legislative session, we think it is very important to update you with news from the Arizona state Capitol. You can expect future printed newsletters when the need arises.

We are able to be your advocate at the Capitol and throughout Arizona because of the generous support of ministry friends like you. Please take a moment and prayerfully consider a contribution this month to ensure that we can continue to speak out for you and your family! You can use the enclosed envelope or go online to [azpolicy.org/feb2017](http://azpolicy.org/feb2017) to make your gift. *Thank you!*

## Action Alert

Center for Arizona Policy's Action Center is a way for you to get involved!

Ask President Trump to sign Executive Order for Religious Freedom.

Recent Action Alerts...

Support School Choice Bills by Contacting Your Lawmakers.

How YOU can make a Difference:

1. **SIGN UP.** It's easy to receive Alerts in your inbox - simply go to [azpolicy.org/capnetwork](http://azpolicy.org/capnetwork).
2. **READ.** Refer to the Alerts in your inbox or at [azpolicy.org/actionalert](http://azpolicy.org/actionalert) to stay informed on pressing issues impacting you and your family.
3. **ACT.** Follow the instructions in the Alerts. It's usually as simple as contacting your lawmakers.

## BAD BILLS

Every year, bills are introduced at the state Legislature that could put foundational values of life, marriage and family, and religious freedom at risk. Below are just a few of the bad bills CAP has partnered with legislators to defeat.



**HB 2002**

LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

In November, voters defeated a measure to legalize recreational marijuana in Arizona. Some legislators want to usurp the will of the voters. HB 2002 would legalize recreational use.

**SB 1352**

REPEAL ABORTION REGULATIONS

SB 1352 would repeal many of the commonsense abortion regulations passed over the years, including informed consent, reporting and health requirements, exemptions for religious organizations, and more.



**HB 2336 & SB 1512**

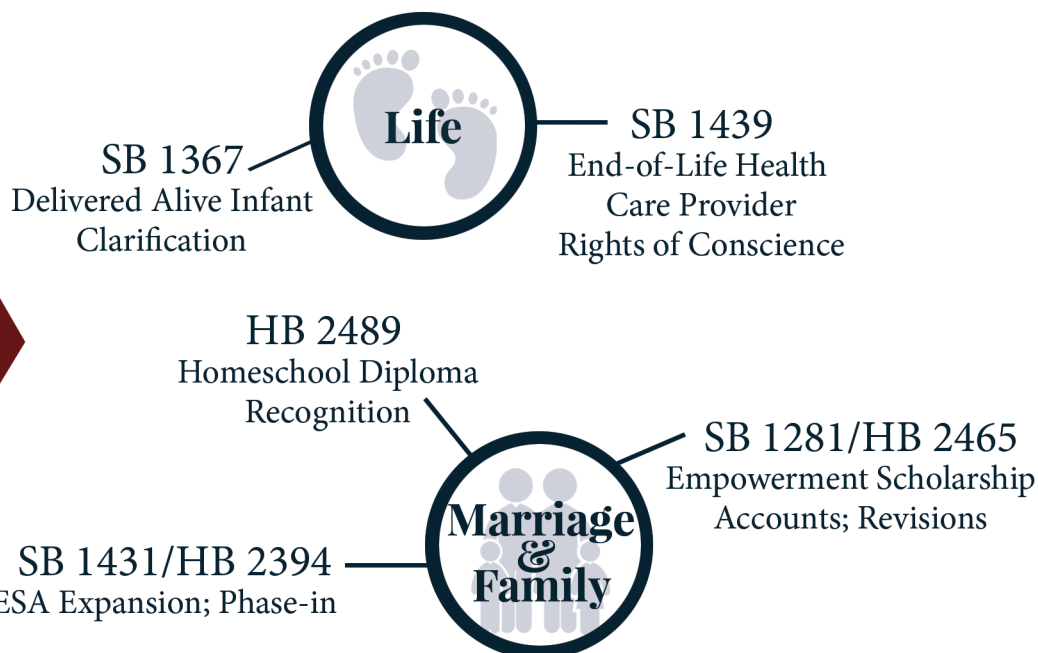
DOCTOR PRESCRIBED DEATH

HB 2336 and SB 1512 are similar bills that would legalize doctor prescribed death in Arizona. It would lead to death of the disabled and elderly, not just the terminally ill.



# BILL TRACKER

Visit [azpolicy.org/bill-tracker](http://azpolicy.org/bill-tracker) to track the progress of CAP-supported bills at the state Legislature.



## Legislative Update

Arizona is blessed to have two godly leaders in charge of the state Legislature: Senate President Steve Yarbrough and House Speaker J.D. Mesnard. In a recent meeting with Speaker Mesnard, he shared his insider view of the battles going on at the state Capitol, what legislators need from you, and the biggest threat facing freedom.

The speaker says we will be fighting to hold onto religious liberty for the next ten years, “Religious liberty and the fight to worship, not just to worship but to carry out our faith and right of conscience is under assault.”

Mesnard cited Washington florist Barronelle Stutzman who is being forced by the Washington Supreme Court to participate in same-sex weddings or lose her livelihood. He said, “The idea that you can force somebody to use their artistic talent to participate in something they think is sacred but is being done in an ungodly way in their point of view, when you force somebody to do something that not only is against their will, but what they think is [against] God’s will - I cannot think of much worse. That is servitude. You don’t even have the right to say, ‘no.’”

You can make a big difference in what the speaker calls a daily battle over values at the Capitol, “It is a war zone and sometimes it can feel very lonely. We, the legislators and the conservative members...we benefit from hearing from you. Even just a thank you, even just a ‘hey, we’re watching’ because we do hear from the other side, our phones get lit up by the other side... So, having a little moral support in the midst of a war zone is really helpful.”

Responding to CAP’s action alerts can go a long way in encouraging weary legislators. Mesnard knows life is busy but he also knows CAP is there advocating for you and your families. He concluded, “Most folks are out there living their lives... The truth is, everyday we are voting on bills that have an impact on people’s lives... Having CAP there to monitor for you all is really a huge asset.”

J.D. Mesnard (R), District 17, Speaker of the House, meets with constituents

