



# Christian Life COMMISSION

## Legislative Efforts 2022-2023

### Religious Liberty

- Support efforts to protect the rights of churches and religious nonprofits to make employment decisions, facility use determinations, and statements consistent with their religious convictions and beliefs.
- Support efforts to protect churches and religious nonprofits who provide ministry and humanitarian aid to refugees.
- Support efforts to expand the number of religious holy days recognized by Texas public schools.
- Support efforts to preserve the autonomy of private religious schools by rejecting public funds and regulatory efforts.

### Prolife Legislation

- Oppose efforts to overturn Texas' ban on abortion.
- Support efforts to limit and abolish capital punishment.
- Support efforts to create and expand paid parental leave for birth and adoption of children.
- Support funding for the Department of Child and Family Protective Services to help retain and attract caseworkers.
- Support efforts to improve outcomes for foster care youth.
- Support efforts to protect and care for victims of human trafficking, including funding for new and existing victims' service programs and end prosecution for non-violent crimes victims committed while trafficked.
- Support efforts to ensure prosecution and penalties for sex buyers and traffickers.

## **Predatory Financial Practices**

- Oppose legislation for the introduction and expansion of predatory gambling enterprises including casinos, internet gambling, daily fantasy sports, slot machine-like devices, online and mobile sale of lottery tickets, and instant racing machines.
- Oppose legislation that would preempt the right of local municipalities to enact ordinances stronger than state consumer protections.
- Support legislation to reduce the cost of small-dollar lending in Texas.
- Support legislation to close the Credit Service Organization loophole and require payday and auto title lenders to charge fair, equitable interest and fee charges.

## **Adequately Funding Public Education**

- Support efforts to ensure adequate and equitable funding, school choice, and innovation within public education.
- Support efforts to recruit and retain teachers including increased compensation and benefits packages and providing meaningful professional development opportunities.
- Oppose uses of taxpayer dollars that divert funds from public schools to subsidize private schools and vendors.
- Support efforts to increase funding, improve safety standards, provide representatives, and other initiatives for disabled and special education students.