



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

for the gender-based violence services community

SB 2633 / HB 4469 - KARINA'S BILL

Sponsors: Senator Villanueva/Representative Hirschauer

Karina's bill will clarify and strengthen the law to ensure firearms are removed from respondents in orders of protection when ordered by a judge. Currently, application of the law is inconsistent across the state. This bill also closes a loophole in existing law, barring the transfer of firearms when a judge has granted the firearm remedy as part of an order of protection.

SB 3680 / HB 5432 - COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH STABLE HOMES ACT

Sponsors: Senator Villa/Representative Gong-Gershowitz

This bill protects survivors of domestic and sexual violence from being pushed out of their homes for experiencing violence and ensures survivors may contact law enforcement when needed without fear of becoming homeless. Currently, "crime free nuisance ordinances" are making survivors choose between their safety and contacting law enforcement.

HB 5452 - RIGHT TO SPEAK YOUR TRUTH

Sponsor: Representative Canty

Strengthens protections in Illinois anti-SLAPP law and the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act to ensure survivors of gender-based violence are safeguarded from retaliatory cases and litigation abuse when speaking out about their lived experiences.

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HB 5646 / SB 3285 - TRAILER BILL TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE RESENTENCING

Sponsor: Representative Cassidy

This bill is a trailer bill to Public Act 103-0403 clarifying that cases of gender-based violence where the defendant took an agreed plea may be considered for resentencing. Cases considered for resentencing may also include changes to the length of the sentence without affecting the original conviction.

SB 3600 / HB 5431 - REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FOR INCARCERATED SURVIVORS

Sponsors: Senator Edly-Allen/Representative Cassidy

Safeguards pregnant people currently incarcerated in Illinois jails and prisons from being shackled during delivery and for six weeks postpartum, establishing humane care and dignity for those expecting while incarcerated. Makes further changes to increase caloric intake while expecting and requires posting of reproductive rights in facilities.

SB 3652 / HB 5550 - SUMMARY OF HOUSING RIGHTS FOR SAFER HOMES

Sponsors: Senator Peters/Representative Mah

Requires the Department of Human Rights to create a tenant summary of rights of protections for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors under the Safe Home Act. Mandates landlords make this summary available for all written residential leases.

SB 3713 / HB 3596 - SUPPORTING SURVIVORS THROUGH CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION

Sponsor: Senator Peters/Representative West

This bill expands access to the Crime Victims Compensation program by removing time consuming proof requirements of survivorship which, in some cases, extend beyond the survivors civil or criminal case requirements. Between 2020-2022 only 8% of applicants awarded compensation were related to gender-based violence.

HB 3973 - AMENDING THE JUVENILE COURT ACT

Sponsor: Representative Vella

Amends the Juvenile Court Act to improve response to families experiencing domestic violence. Some changes include prioritizing placement of children with the adult survivor and importing an existing "environment injurious" definition to clarify its meaning.