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2021 Legislative Session Highlights

90 days | 2,700 bills | 194 pieces of testimony | 141 delegates | 47 senators

PARTIAL LIST OF ADVOCACY OUTCOMES

- $10 million for BOOST scholarships
- Expand pre-natal health care grants to support healthy pregnancies for at-risk moms and babies
- New Governor's Office for Immigrant Affairs
- Expand grant funding for legal aid services
- Remove “black liquor” mill residue as a qualifying biomass/renewable energy
- Require mental health services be available for law-enforcement
- End sentencing of juvenile offenders to life without parole
- Establish $1,000 tax credit for diaper donations

Parish Resources

ISSUE EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY SUPPORT

- Action alerts (text & email) through the Catholic Advocacy Network
- Speakers for parishes, deaneries, dioceses and organizations on social and economic justice, respect life, and education, such as human trafficking, end of life care, immigration, environment, poverty, and effective advocacy
- Webinars and videos
- Email updates on state legislation and resources
- Election resources, such as candidate surveys, guidance for legislator engagement, bulletin announcements, social media graphics
- Issue toolkits for parishes
- Joint statements from our Bishops on key issues