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WOMEN OF THE YEAR



Legislative Updates:

Women's Health Protection Act

Status: Passed by the House on September 24th, 2021.

Summary: This bill would codify Roe vs. Wade into law and ensure that the national right to abortion is protected in federal statute. Specifically, it would ensure the right of patients to receive abortion care and the right of health care providers to provide abortion care. Additionally, it prevents that right from being limited in any way due to medically unnecessary restrictions.

The Build Back Better Act

Status: The Childcare provisions of this bill were removed in the Senate before the bill was passed as the "Inflation Reduction Act"

Summary: The bill included historic investments in Children and Families, including:

- Universal Preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds.
- Affordable Child Care: Limit childcare costs for families to no more than 7% of income, for families earning up to 250% of median income.
- Affordable, High-Quality Care for Older Americans and People with Disabilities in Their Homes and Communities: Strengthens an existing program through Medicaid to end the backlog and improve working conditions for home care workers.
- Extends the expanded Child Tax Credit for more than 35 million American households.
- Guarantees the right to 12 weeks of paid parental leave.

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Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment

Status: Passed by the House on March 17th, 2021.

Summary: This resolution would remove the 7-year deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution which was passed by Congress on March 22, 1972. The amendment would enshrine equal rights on the basis of sex.

Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

Status: Signed into law in March 2022.

Summary: The bill reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act programs through 2027. These programs include increasing prevention and response to sexual violence, increased support for the Rape Prevention and Education Program and Sexual Assault Services Program, and enactment of the Fairness for Rape Kit Backlog Survivors Act, which requires state victim compensation programs to allow sexual assault survivors to file for compensation without being unfairly penalized due to rape kit backlogs.

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (H.R. 1065)

Status: This bill was passed by the House on May 14th, 2021.

Summary: The bill would mandate private-sector employers with more than 15 employees and public-sector employers must make reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers (employees and job applicants with known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions).

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