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TOPIC	BILL #	SPONSOR	TITLE	POSITION	COMMITTEE	HEARING DATE	BILL STATUS
MARRIAGE PROTECTION	SB168	Greenip et al (5)	Covenant Marriage -Man and woman agree to pre-marital counseling, work to preserve marriage, waive no-fault divorce and agree to counseling prior to seeking divorce.	SUPPORT	JPR	2/14	NV
	SB169	Greenip et al (7)	Marriage Amendment -One man-one woman marriage would be put to vote on 2008 ballot	SUPPORT	JPR	2/14	NV
	HB1605	Bates et al (11)	Divorce- Mutual Consent Required – no divorce if there are children until 2 year separation. w/amendment for counseling during the separation.	SUPPORT	JUD	3/20	UNF
MARRIAGE DESTRUCTION	HB510	Pendergrass et al (4)	Health Care Decision Act -Allows electronic signature for health care issues. Potential misuse and abuse of patient	OPPOSE	HGO	2/19	Signed by Gov.
	SB566	Garagiola	Domestic Partner -Health Care visitation & medical decisions, requires hospitals to comply	OPPOSE	FIN HGO	3/18 3/25	Passed 30-17 Passed 88- 46
	SB597	Kramer et al (13)	Domestic Partners -exempt from recordation and transfer of property tax	OPPOSE OPPOSE	B&T W&M	3/6 4/1	Passed 27-20 Passed 86-47
GOVERNMENT	HB794	Carroll Co. Delegation	County Redistricting -Establishing criteria for number, boundaries and election method of future commissioners	SUPPORT	ENV EHEA	2/22 3/31	Passed 135-1 Passed 45-0
	HB1232	McDonough et al(8)	Citizen Right's Act - Allows citizens to file complaint against elected officials and judges and call for impeachment	SUPPORT	JUD	3/11	UNF
	HB1060	Frank et al (35)	Civil Immunity - Person not liable for injury or death of a burglar in dwelling or business	SUPPORT	JUD JPR	3/5 3/26	Passed136-0 NV
	HB1071	Conway	Property Protection - Allows use of physical force in defense of dwelling	SUPPORT	JUD	3/4	UNF
	HB1075	Conway et al (9)	Property Protection - Allows use of physical force in defense of business	SUPPORT	JUD	3/4	UNF
	SB166 HB76	Haines et al (5) Shewell et al (49)	Alcohol to Minors -misdemeanor if knowingly provided for consumption by minor- <i>Amended greatly by Senate, now to Conference committee.</i>	SUPPORT SUPPORT	JPR JUD	1/30 1/15	Passed 44-0 Passed137-1
ABORTION & PARENTAL RIGHTS	SB427	Harris & Stone	Right to Life Act -Establishes that the right to due process begins at conception	SUPPORT	JPR/FIN	3/5	Withdrawn
	SB531	Muse & Forehand	Abandoned baby - increase drop off time from 3 days to 10 w/o liability (child sick, abused etc)	SUPPORT	JPR	3/4	Passed 46-0 Passed 138-1
	SB631	Jacobs & Kittleman	Umbilical Cord Blood Bank -Dept of Health creates, prints & publicizes program. Distributed y obgyn Drs	SUPPORT	JPR	3/5	UNF
VEHICLE LAWS	SB269 HB364	President Speaker (16)	Speed Cameras -Statewide, all counties & work areas. More about revenue than safety.	OPPOSE OPPOSE	JPR ENV	2/19 2/20	DIED DIED
	SB963	PG Co Senators	Speed Cameras - Different from above in fines , speed limit ranges and other details. Still "Big Brotherish"	OPPOSE	RULES	3/19	DIED
ELECTION LAW	HB102	Rosenberg et al(7)	Voter Rights – Gives too broad permission to judges; unnecessary, current rules are sufficient	OPPOSE	EHEA W&M	3/21 2/26	DIED DIED
	HB801	Resnik	Voter Registration -Allowing voter to register to vote on election day. Opens elections to fraud	OPPOSE	W&M	2/28	Withdrawn
	HB884	McDonough et al (5)	Voter Verification &Fairness Act - Requirement to submit verification of U.S. citizenship with voter application	SUPPORT	W&M	3/18	UNF
	HB1199	Myers et al (18)	Voter Identification -Requiring individual to submit photo ID or sign a specified affidavit at polling place	SUPPORT	W&M	3/18	UNF
PORNOGRAPHY &	SB5 HB73	Jacobs Olszewski	Child Protection - Prohibit child sex offenders from earning diminution credits to reduce prison sentence	SUPPORT SUPPORT	JPR JUD	3/5 2/19	DIED DIED
SEXUAL OFFENCES	SB16	Simonaire et al (6)	Repeat Sexual Offenders -Increasing penalty of a previously convicted sexual offender.	SUPPORT	JPR JUD	3/5 4/2	Passed 45-0 Passed 138-0
	SB56 HB18	Zirkin et al (11) Smigiel	Sex Offender Registry -Registrant must include name, previous aliases or nicknames, and all internet screen names past or present	SUPPORT SUPPORT	JPR JUD	4/1 3/30	Passed 136-0 PWA 47-0
	SB75 HB574	Stone, Della, & Jacobs McComas et al(21)	Possession of Child Porn -Increase age of child, increase penalties for possession, felony, and mandatory minimum sentence	SUPPORT SUPPORT	JPR JUD	3/5 2/19	NV UNF
	SB575 HB729	Forehand et al (2) Jameson et al (53)	Statewide Database for DNA -Requires DNA upon arrest for Sex offences & kidnapping. Should be upon conviction. Too time consuming and intrusive of privacy for unconvicted arrest.	OPPOSE OPPOSE	JPR JUD	4/5 3/17	UNF UNF
	HB34	Minnick	Sex Crimes – Prohibits diminution credits; increases mandatory sentence for crimes on children	SUPPORT	JUD	1/16	UNF
	HB381	Stifler et al (17)	Sex Offender Registry -Requires updated photos every 3-6 months.	SUPPORT	JUD JPR	2/19 3/20	Passed 135-0 NV Sen
	HB619	McDonough et al (8)	Jessica's Law II -Prohibits earning diminution credits to reduce jail time.	SUPPORT	JUD	2/19	UNF

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	HB436	McComas, Walds	Child Porn -Possession penalty increased from misdemeanor to felony	SUPPORT	JPR JUD	2/29 2/19	Passed 136-0 NV Sen
	SB740 HB523	Muse, Glenn & Valdaramma	Position of Authority -To be 3 rd degree sex offense if boss or teacher	SUPPORT SUPPORT	JPR JUD	3/5 2/19	NV UNF
GAMBLING	SB29	Klausmeier	Expanding operations of slots to non-profits orgs. to be statewide	OPPOSE	W&M	1/23	UNF
	HB46	Ross	Tax Deductible Gambling Loses – State would not gain any revenue if losses are deductible	SUPPORT	W&M	1/30	Withdrawn
	HB557 SB962	Min Ldr et al (9) Brinkly&Kittleman	Slots in MD -Republican proposal for 15,000 slots, at 6 locations, tracks and elsewhere. Not needed for revenue. Senate version even longer in detail. Still wrong for state to promote addictive behavior for itself and citizens	OPPOSE OPPOSE	W&M B&T	3/13 cancelled	Withdrawn
ILLEGAL ALIENS/ IMMIGRATION	SB40	Harris et al (2)	In-state Tuition for Illegal Aliens Prohibited – Makes schools check who is getting tuition breaks.	SUPPORT	EHEA	2/21	UNF
	HB288	George et al (66)	Proof of Legal Presence Act of 2008 - required presentation of citizenship if under 43 yrs of age before getting driver's license.	SUPPORT	JUD	3/19	UNF
	HB1074	Conway	State Security -Requires DNA sampling upon arrest of those determined to be illegal aliens.	SUPPORT	JUD	3/11	UNF
	HB1602	Malone	Study the Impact of Immigrants - 15 member commission, all appointed by Democrat leadership. No differentiation between legal and illegal immigrants	OPPOSE	B&T APPR	3/22 2/13	W/A 45-2 PWA 119-19
EDUCATION	SB1	Lenett	MD Legislative Youth Council - allows youth input into state laws.	SUPPORT	W&M EHEA	3/27 1/17	Passed 43-3 Passed 140-0
	SB238 HB75	Stone et al (10) Shewell	Juveniles-Arrests for Reportable Offenses - Expansion of Notification, of arrest of nonpublic as well as public student.	SUPPORT SUPPORT	JPR JUD	2/19 1/17	Passed 47-0 Passed136-1 enrolled
	HB199	Rice et al (8)	Bullying & Cyber-bullying –Creates unnecessary county mandate and state intrusion into local schools.	OPPOSE	W&M EHEA	2/20 4/2	W/A 135-0 W/A 37-10
	SB50	Brochin	Special Ed. Services - A child with a disability in a home school setting to be given the same consideration as a child with a disability in a private school setting for getting federal funds	SUPPORT	EHEA W&M	1/23 4/1	Passed 45-0 NV
	HB185	Bates et al (8)	Parental Choice Scholarship Program -Allows students to apply for scholarships from \$500 to \$3000 to attend any qualifying school within the state.	SUPPORT	W&M	2/19	UNF
	HB186	Bates et al (9)	Great Schools Tax Credit Program -Allow individuals and corporation a credit against income tax	SUPPORT	W&M	2/19	UNF
	HB188	Bates et al (8)	Smart Start Scholarships - For 4 and 5 year olds to attend qualifying school, public or non-public	SUPPORT	W&M	2/19	UNF
	SB473	Garagiola et al (5)	Youth Risk Behavior Survey -removes parental consent from survey of personal behavior info about youth	OPPOSE OPPOSE	EHEA W&M	2/26 4/2	Passed 45-2 Passed 116-23
	HB1158	Stein et al (5)	Safe Schools Reporting Act - authorizing school staff to report harassment against a student	OPPOSE	W&M EHEA	3/19 4/2	Passed137-0 Passed 47-0
TAXES	SB46	Forehand	Computer Services Sales Tax Repeal - Increases taxes on individual incl. Spouses over \$1M income. A trap vote, stop one tax but create another. Poor choice, but necessary for business climate.	SUPPORT	B&T	3/12	Signed by Gov.
	HB871	Stifler et al	Sales Tax Exemption - On textbooks bought by a student of a higher learning institution	SUPPORT	W&M	3/18	Withdrawn
	HB291	Frank et al (29)	Tax-free Period for Back to School shopping -Aug 10-22 sales tax exemption on clothing & footwear	SUPPORT	W&M	2/14	UNF
Senate Joint Resolution	SJ1	Harris	Ronald Reagan Day - To have state officially recognize President Ronald Reagan.	SUPPORT	EHEA	1/22	UNF

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