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***NEGATIVE IMPACT OF INDIANA SB-1 ON
PURDUE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY***

FOR DISCUSSION – 10/17/22

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Indiana Senate Bill 1

SB1 makes almost all forms of abortion in Indiana illegal

- Passed Indiana Senate July 30, 2022
- Passed Indiana House, August 5, 2022
- Signed by Governor Holcomb August 5, 2022
- Came into effect Sept 15, 2022
- Preliminary judicial injunction blocking enforcement imposed Sept 22, 2022
- Second preliminary injunction argued Oct 14, 2022

SB1 will have a detrimental effect on the Purdue community

We cite peer-reviewed research to support the argument that:

1. Reducing access to abortion disproportionately affects university students more than the general population.
2. Access to abortion care for vulnerable populations will decrease, and associated healthcare costs will increase.
3. That abortion care is eliminated in Indiana has consequences for other aspects of healthcare.
4. Students and faculty in healthcare-related areas at Purdue (such as in the School of Nursing and College of Pharmacy) need their academic freedoms affirmed and protected around topics relating to abortion.
5. SB1 will cause Purdue to have more difficulty recruiting, retaining, and helping succeed more diverse groups of students, staff, and faculty.
6. SB1 will limit Purdue's in-state industry partners, reducing opportunities for students, staff, faculty, and advancement of such collaborations.

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1. Administration should increase access to free or affordable contraception on campus, and increase benefits to cover the increased cost of receiving healthcare out of state.
2. EPC should revise Academic Regulation on class attendance to be inclusive of students needing to receive reproductive care out of state, but without needing to divulge the need for such care (as records are not protected sufficiently).
3. HR and Student Life should ensure that CFHL and PUSH providers can comprehensively educate patients on reproductive care, and refer patients for abortion care out of state.

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4. Administration should ensure Plan B (which is emergency contraception not related to abortion) is accessible at CFHL, PUSH, and Ascension-St Vincent micro-hospital when built.
5. Administration should publicly reassert its aggressive protection of academic freedom around topics related to reproductive healthcare.
6. Administration should review similar health risks for students, staff, and faculty at Purdue-Northwest and Purdue-Fort Wayne.

If this were to pass, what would happen?

This would only represent the voice of the faculty.

Relevant Senate committees would then have specific standing from the Faculty to take up specific points with the administration to bring them about.

1. Affordable contraception and improved benefits
3. Comprehensive reproductive care and prescriptions at PUSH and CFHL
4. Access to Plan B at all healthcare facilities on/near campus, including religious ones
 - Faculty Compensation and Benefits (FAC), working with MAPSAC Compensation and Benefits subcommittee, and CSSAC Executive Subcommittee, to talk with HR
 - Student Affairs Committee, PSG, PGSG working with Student Life
2. Academic Regulations Absence Policy – Educational Policy Committee
5. Public declaration of academic freedom on matters relating to reproductive healthcare – Faculty Affairs Committee
6. Review of policies at PNW and PFW – Intercampus Faculty Council

Please send questions, revisions by Nov 3 to

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Vote anticipated Nov 21