



Women's Bar Association's 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda

Priority Items:

An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty (Sen. DiDomenico – S.96)/An Act to Reduce Deep Poverty Among Kids (Rep Decker – H.199).

An Act Relative to Inmate Telephone Calls (Rep. Tyler – H.1900) / An Act relative to inmate telephone Calls (Sen. Creem – S.1559).

Civil Legal Aid Funding: FY2022 Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation State Budget Line Item: 0321-1600.

An Act Relative to Employment Protections for Victims of Abusive Behavior (Reps. Livingstone & Elugardo – H.2018 / Sen. Creem – S.1173).

An Act Relative to Wage Transparency (Rep. Josh S. Cutler – H.1950 / Sen. Patricia D. Jehlen – S.1208).

Supported Items:

An Act Supporting Survivors of Trafficking and Abuse and Encouraging Increased Access to Opportunities Through Expungement and/or Sealing of Records (Rep. Tram Nguyen – H.1825 / Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz – S.947).

An Act Providing Affordable and Accessible High Quality Early Education and Care to Promote Child Development and Well-being and Support the Economy in the Commonwealth (“The Common Start Legislation”) (Rep. Kenneth I. Gordon and Rep. Adrian C. Madaro – H.605 / Sen. Jason M. Lewis – S.362)

An Act to Strengthen Family and Community Connection with Incarcerated People (Rep. Marjorie C. Decker – H.2440 / Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz – S.1550).

An Act Relative to Determining the Best Interest of Children in Family Court (Rep. Marjorie C. Decker – H.1528)

An Act to Protect the Civil Rights and Safety of All Massachusetts Residents (“The Safe Communities Act”) (Rep. Ruth B. Balser and Rep. Liz Miranda – H.2418 / Sen. James B. Eldridge – S.1579).

An Act to End Childhood Marriage in Massachusetts (Rep. Kay Khan – H.1709 / Sen. Chandler – S.937).

An Act Establishing a Jail and Prison Construction Moratorium (Rep. Chynah Tyler –H.1905 / Sen. Joanne M. Comerford – S.2030)

An Act Ensuring Access to Full Spectrum Pregnancy Care (Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa – H.1196 / Sen. Cindy Friedman – S.673).

An Act to Require Public Universities to Provide Medication Abortion (Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa – H.2399 / Sen. Jason Lewis – S.1470)

An Act Relative to Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services (Rep. Liz Miranda – H.2372 / Sen. Joan Lovely – S.1475)

An Act to Improve Access to Emergency Contraception (Rep. Marjorie Decker – H.2264 / Sen. Joe Boncore – S.1372)

Act Supporting Parents Running for Office (Sen. Patricia Jehlen – S.475 / Rep. Mike Connolloy and Rep. Joan Meschino – H.769).

An Act Promoting Safety for Victims of Violent Crime and Human Trafficking (Rep. Patricia Haddad and Rep. Tram Nguyen – H.1818 / Sen. Mark Montigny – S.1093).

The Act to Increase Access to Disposable Menstrual Products in Prisons, Homeless Shelters, and Public Schools (Sen. Patricia Jehlen – S.1445 / Rep. Livingstone and Rep. Barber – H.2354)

An Act to Further Family-centered Child Support (Rep. Christine Barber – H.183 / Sen. Cynthia Creem – S.92)

The WBA opposes An Act Relative to the Efficient Management and Operation of the Registries of Probate (Sen. Brendan P. Crighton – S.987).