



The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

As the Mississippi Legislature nears the end of this year's session, it is exciting to see the continued commitment to the welfare of women and children, not only in The Empowerment Project legislation we have proposed but also through additional bills we have worked on to strengthen families.

The Mississippi House approved HB 1768, providing a tax credit for employers that offer their employees paid leave for pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, and foster placement.

Both houses have passed a comprehensive bill implementing recommendations of the Legislature's Task Force on Foster Care and Adoption (SB 2792).

Both houses have passed legislation to defend Title IX and protect safety, privacy, and opportunities for women and girls (HB 1607 and SB 2753). SB 2753 also includes an important Parents' Bill of Rights.

Both houses have passed legislation to protect children from vaping (HB 1478 and SB 2441).

Both houses have passed important legislation to give parents help in protecting their children online (HB 1126).

Both Houses have passed legislation to honor the life and death of a high school student who lost his life to suicide when he fell prey to a sextortion scam. HB 1196 will create the criminal cause of action for sextortion.

As you can see, these bills still have some important steps before making it to the Governor's desk for signature into law. But the Legislature has advanced some of our most important legislative priorities and I am thankful for their partnership in empowering women and promoting life.

May God Bless You,



WHAT WE'RE READING

WDRB: More Safe Haven Baby Boxes to be Added in Kentucky

"Thirty-five infants have been placed in a baby box since 2017, and over 130 surrenders have happened through calls to the National Safe Haven Baby Box Hotline, 1-866-99BABY1, which is available all day every day. The hotline provides counseling services to parents who may be unable or unwilling to care for their newborn."

KSAT: Texas A&M University-San Antonio Offers Free Childcare to Help Students Reach Finish Line

"Catherine O'Brien, Director of Campus Childcare, says this type of program can provide a generational impact for families in that community, 'It's the impact that it has on the greater economy and society,' O'Brien said. 'If we've got, you know, somebody who can't get childcare, then they can't work. And so that makes an impact on the overall economic crisis that we're having.' But supporting those families with free childcare while they finish their degrees can help them get better jobs in the long run, O'Brien explained."

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Share [this](#) post to help raise awareness so we can put an end to child abuse, and visit [my website](#) to learn 10 strategies for protecting children.



ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

Moms for America: Overturning Roe v. Wade with Attorney General Lynn Fitch

“When I got here that case was already at the fifth circuit. We certainly discussed all the cases and said absolutely we're going to file petition for cert in this case.” -**Attorney General Lynn Fitch**

WAPT: Child Abuse is a Problem Mississippi's AG Looks to Tackle Through Partnerships

"Ninety percent of these children, they knew who committed these horrible acts against them. These are the people that they trusted, people that they loved. The people that they looked for guidance," **Fitch said.**

WLOX: Human Trafficking in Mississippi Highlighted During United Way Meeting

“Human trafficking is here. It’s in the state of Mississippi,” **said General Fitch.** “We have to go after these traffickers, we have to rescue victims, we have to help them get back into society without any shame or blame. They didn’t ask to be in this situation, and these traffickers just strip the dignity off these individuals.”

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