

February 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Much of our work is not publicly reported. We handle legal inquiries on a routine basis. Most involve issues of religious freedom for individuals, churches, nonprofits and businesses. We can usually resolve these with explanations of the law to clients and their opponents. For client confidentiality we seldom report on these. Of course, there is no charge for these services. Feel free to refer those who experience such problems to us.

Of course, the specter of legalizing gambling would sooner or later come to haunt us again. Proposals will be introduced this session which begins February 6, 2024. The latest excuse is that without regulating (legalizing) specific places and setting up a gambling commission, there is no hope to stop rampant extant illegal gambling. Of course, the sole motivation is, in reality, profits to gamblers. This month's Educational Update addresses this legislative fraud and why legalizing gambling is not the answer.

Additionally, there will be positive legislation. These include bills for tax credits for pregnancy resource centers, prohibition of the availability of internet abortifacients, school choice (tax money allocated to parents for nonpublic schools, particularly low income), prohibition of material harmful to minors in public places, an update to sex education requirements in public schools and other bills. We are optimistic for a good session. As with all of our services, we assist legislators and groups without charge for legal advice on these issues.

Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts. With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston

AEJ/pkh