

National Legislative News

- The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act passed the House by a large bipartisan margin (315-101). The bill has been introduced in the Senate.
- Work on reversal of Title IX changes enacted during the Trump administration are continuing.
- The Paycheck Fairness Act failed to pass the Senate due to a Republican-led filibuster.
- AAUW has joined a coalition on voter rights with Rock the Vote. The For the People Act (HR1) passed the House but a Republican-led filibuster prevented it from passing the Senate. Recently eighteen states have passed thirty laws restricting access to voting.
- AAUW has not taken a position on the filibuster.

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- The Equal Pay Day Resolution was adopted, setting March 24, 2021, as Equal Pay Day. This resolution attempts to raise awareness of the pay gap between men and women.
- The next eight bills passed both houses but have not been signed by the governor as of July 24.
- The Keeping Youth Safe and Healthy Act SB 818 updates Health and Safety curriculum mandating that it must be age appropriate, medically accurate, all inclusive, and sensitive to possible traumatic experiences.
- HB 3223 requires that responses to students' needs must take into consideration possible traumatic experiences.
- HB 155 makes it possible for recipients of SNAP, WIC, and TANF to use their benefits to purchase diapers and menstrual hygiene products.
- HB 641, HB 156, and HB 310 require providing free menstrual hygiene products at public universities and community colleges; schools for students in grades 4-12; and homeless shelters and temporary housing respectively.
- HB 12 extends Family and Medical Leave to school district, public university, and community college employees.
- HB 816 adds sick leave eligibility for acceptance of a child in need of foster care.