

Toolkit for Mobilizing Opposition to the Baby Olivia Act

Summary of What's Happening

The Arkansas legislature is considering <u>HB1180</u>, the <u>Baby Olivia Act</u>, a bill that would introduce misleading, anti-abortion propaganda into school curricula under the guise of fetal development education. This bill is scheduled for a hearing in the House Education Committee at 10 AM on Tuesday, February 4th.

The Baby Olivia Act would mandate the use of an animation that presents a biased and medically misleading depiction of fetal development, designed to push an anti-abortion agenda rather than provide students with comprehensive, science-based sex education. The video, produced by the anti-abortion group Live Action and led by anti-abortion activist Lila Rose, has been criticized for using selectively presented and exaggerated fetal development imagery to further an ideological message. Medical professionals and reproductive health advocates have pointed out that the animation lacks context and omits critical aspects of pregnancy and reproductive health, making it unsuitable for educational use.

We believe Arkansas youth deserve accurate, inclusive, and medically factual information about reproductive health, not politically motivated misinformation aimed to further an extreme anti-abortion agenda.

What You Can Do

1. Contact Your Legislators

Urge your state representative and members of the House Education Committee to oppose this bill. Calls and personalized emails are most effective. Contact information for the House Education Committee members and sample email messages are below.

2. Testify or Show Up in Opposition

If you are able, attend the committee hearing in person at the State Capitol to testify against the bill or stand in solidarity with those who are testifying. The Arkansas Abortion Support Network (AASN) is gathering folks in advance of the hearing at 9:30 AM. Here's the <u>link to the bill</u> with all the details, including the location of the hearing.

3. Spread the Word

Share this toolkit with your friends, family, and networks to ensure more people are aware of the bill and how to oppose it. Legislators rarely hear from constituents. You reaching out to them is important and it can have an influence.

4. Engage on Social Media

Post about why you oppose the Baby Olivia Act, tag your legislators, and use hashtags like **#NoToBabyOlivia #RealSexEdForArkansas #ARLeg** to amplify the message.

Key Targets: House Education Committee Members

These legislators will be voting on the bill—contact them directly to urge a **NO** vote:

Legislator Name	Phone	Email
Chair: Rep. Keith Brooks	(501) 744-6080	keith.brooks@arkansashouse.org
Vice-Chair: Rep. Brit McKenzie	(479) 644-9001	brit.mckenzie@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Wade Andrews	(870) 818-7067	wade.andrews@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Sonia Eubanks Barker	870-814-7605	sonia.barker@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Lincoln Barnett		lincoln.barnett@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Rick Beck	501-912-1441	rick.beck@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Karilyn Brown	501-580-9000	karilyn.brown@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Bruce Cozart	501-627-3232	bccci@cablelynx.com
Rep. Hope Duke		hope.duke@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Tony Furman		tony.furman@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Denise Garner (PAWPAC-endorsed)	(479) 283-5050	denise.garner@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Diana Gonzales Worthen (PAWPAC-endorsed)		diana.gonzalesworthen@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Julie Mayberry	(501) 888-3522	julie.mayberry@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Austin McCollum	479-426-4141	austin.mccollum@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Jessie McGruder	(870) 817-2112	mcgruder4arkansashouse@gmail.com
Rep. Stephen Meeks	501-314-9250	Stephen.Meeks@arkansashouse.org

Rep. Jason Nazarenko	(931) 627-5056	jason.nazarenko@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Stetson Painter	(501) 733-3203	stetson.painter@arkansashouse.org
Rep. DeAnn Vaught	(870) 832-2638	deann.vaught@arkansashouse.org
Rep. Steven Walker		steven.walker@arkansashouse.org

Sample Messages to Legislators

Option 1: General Opposition

Subject: Vote NO on HB 1180, the Baby Olivia Act

Dear Representative [Last Name],

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the Baby Olivia Act. This bill does not provide students with accurate, science-based reproductive health education. Instead, it mandates anti-abortion propaganda that is designed to mislead rather than educate.

Arkansas youth deserve comprehensive, factual, and medically sound sex education—not politically motivated misinformation. The video being pushed by this bill is not an unbiased scientific resource; it was created by a political advocacy group with an explicit anti-abortion agenda. Please oppose this harmful bill and support real education that prepares students for informed decision-making.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Address or City]
[Your Email]

Option 2: Concerned Parent/Educator Perspective

Subject: Please Reject HB1180—Arkansas Students Deserve Facts

Dear Representative [Last Name],

As a [parent/educator/concerned Arkansan], I am deeply troubled by the Baby Olivia Act. This bill is not about education—it is about ideology. The required animation is not a scientifically neutral resource but a tool designed to push an anti-abortion agenda into public classrooms.

Our students deserve medically accurate, age-appropriate, and unbiased information about reproductive health. Misinformation has no place in our schools. I urge you to vote NO on the Baby Olivia Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Address or City]
[Your Email]

Next Steps

- ✓ Call and email your legislator and the Education Committee Members before Tuesday, February 4th
- ✓ Attend the hearing if possible on Tuesday, February 4th
- √ Share this toolkit widely
- √ Stay engaged for future actions

Together, we can defeat this bill and ensure Arkansas students receive real, science-based education. Let's take action!