

Oppose HB1711 and HB1710

The League of Women Voters urgently needs your help to defeat **HB1711** and **HB1710** that will be heard in the House State and Local Government Committee on Wednesday, March 11th.

These two bills are related. They would require schools, universities, hospitals, social service agencies, and other organizations that provide “public benefits” to determine if *each* individual they serve is either a U.S. citizen or lawfully present in Tennessee. This information would be reported to the newly expanded TN Dept. of Homeland Security. HB1711, as currently amended, would serve as a “trigger” bill to be activated if and when the Supreme Court reverses Plyler v. Doe and ends the practice of public education access for all children in the U.S.

Because these bills would require that all Tennessee families (regardless of citizenship or legal status) provide original documentary proof of citizenship to access all public services, the burden will be felt by everyone. Preliminary estimates are that Tennessee’s public schools alone will need to budget an annual 55 million to collect, assess, and report this information to the Dept. of Homeland Security.

Talking points:

- Our constitution gives every child in America access to a free public education.
- Requiring *every* student and *every* client to provide documentation of citizenship or immigration status creates a significant unfunded administrative burden for every school district, public health care facility, and social service agency to gather, evaluate, and store immigration and citizenship papers.
- Many students who are U.S. citizens may have difficulty accessing the necessary documents to enroll in school. Families experiencing homelessness or recovering from natural disasters may also be unable to access needed services.
- It’s wrong to use children as pawns in adult conflicts. Our communities are stronger when all children have the opportunity to go to school.

Look at the committee list. If your representative serves on the House State & Local Committee, please call or email their office before Wednesday and urge them to vote NO. Phone calls are best. It is okay to leave a message. Be sure to say that you are a constituent.

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