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January Digest

Change Requires Action



State Representatives of the Indiana House Committee on Courts & Criminal Code were given a copy of our [HMM brochure](#) at the initial hearing for HB1198 on Wednesday January 18th, 2023.

Hi Todd,

We're gearing up for an exciting year of change as HIV Modernization [HB1198](#) has been introduced this session!

Change requires action! As our bill moves through the legislative process, we'll be asking you to call your State Representatives and Senators. There are some new legislators and redistricting. [Click here](#) to find your Senator and Representative!

In case you missed our last bi-monthly meeting, [here are the slides](#).

2023 HB1198 HIV Modernization Overview

HB1198 removes 1980/90s sentence enhancements and criminal offenses related to HIV that were based on stigma and misinformation about people who are HIV positive. It adds *'intent to harm'* to existing punishment for people who engage in an act that can transmit HIV.

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More specifically, this bill:

- Repeals offenses concerning the donation, sale, or transfer of blood products, or semen for artificial insemination in fertility care, that pose no risk of HIV transmission. *The FDA policy to destroy blood products that test positive for HIV remains in place.*
- Removes sentencing enhancements under the battery & malicious mischief by bodily fluid statutes for people with HIV. *People with HIV who violate the bodily fluids crime will still be punished, just not with enhancement.*
- Adds a “mens rea” intent to harm requirement to the HIV duty to inform law when engaging in high risk activity. *For the first time in Indiana, the law provides a way to fairly distinguish people who intended harm from those who did not. Maintains felony sentence enhancement for those who did intend harm.*

For more information, read our [HB1198 Fact Sheet](#).

Where is our bill HB1198?!

HIV Modernization HB1198 was discussed at the January 18th hearing of the House Courts & Criminal Code committee with testimony in favor and against the bill. The committee will vote on an amended bill this Wed Jan 25 ([watch live here](#)). We are cautiously optimistic, based on the initial committee discussion. We will keep you informed.

The main bill sponsor this year is [Rep. Wendy McNamara \(HD76\)](#), who chaired the Interim Study Committee last year that discussed HIV modernization in depth. She is also the Chair of the House Courts & Criminal Code committee, where the bill is being initially discussed and voted on. Other bill sponsors include [Rep. Clere \(HD72\)](#), [Rep. Negele \(HD13\)](#), and [Rep. Vermilion \(HD31\)](#).

Get ready to contact your [district representative](#) later this and next week to ask for their YES vote. We will send more direction, with sample scripts, after we get through committee.

Read news coverage on the committee hearing from the [Indianapolis Star](#) and the [Indiana Capital Chronicle](#).





Photo Caption: From left: Todd Fuqua, coalition-building lead for the HIV Modernization Movement; Tony Gillespie, vice president of public policy for the Indiana Minority Health Coalition; Carrie Foote, IUPUI professor and HMM chair; Mark Hughes, HMM co-chair; and Eric Pflieider, communications lead at HMM. This is the advocacy body behind multiple years of legislation aiming to change laws that criminalize HIV exposure. Photo taken by: *Kayla Dwyer/IndyStar*

2023 Virtual HMM +Advocates Training

HMM is excited to announce we will be holding a second +Advocates Training session in 2023! This virtual training will meet every Saturday from Mar 18-Apr 29, 2023. Stipends for participation are included.

Applications are now open! [Click here to apply](#); **Deadline Feb 10.**

People living with HIV from [ZIP regions 3,4,5,6,8](#) will be invited to attend to expand our reach into these parts of the state. **Come join us as an advocate!**

For more info on your regional ZIP Coalition, [click here](#).

Click on the flyer for a full-size version.



2023 VIRTUAL +ADVOCATES TRAINING

- ✓ HMM-Indiana is seeking advocates for a paid training opportunity.
- ✓ Earn up to \$550.
- ✓ Application Deadline Feb 10
- ✓ For more information, email foote@iu.edu

ELIGIBILITY/ REQUIREMENTS:

- Indiana Resident living with HIV
- Reside within ZIP-IN Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, or 8
- Available March 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29 (10a-3p ET)

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- HIV Criminalization 101
- Survivors Panel
- Building PLHIV Power
- Challenging Stigma
- Legislative Change
- Talking to Legislators

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HMM Across the State

If you know of events in your area where we should be, please [contact us](#).

- Jan 30 - [LGBTQ+ Statehouse Day](#) at the Indiana State House (*tabling*)
- Feb 6 - [Urban League National Black HIV and AIDS Awareness Day](#) Event

2360 Dr. M.L.K. Jr St, Indianapolis, IN 46208 12-5pm. (tabling)

- Feb 7 - [HIV Advocacy Day](#) at the Indiana State House (hosting)
- Feb 28 - [HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day](#)
- Feb 10th - [Aspire Health Fair](#), "Dr. Cooke Lecture" Anderson (tabling)
- Mar 18-Apr 29 - [Virtual HMM Advocacy Cohort Training II](#) (see info above)
- Mar 19-21 - [AIDSWatch 2023](#) in Washington DC; registration is open
- Jun 3-7 - [HIV IS Not A Crime Training Academy V](#) in Virginia; scholarship applications are open and due Feb 15th.

HIV Awareness Day at Statehouse

On Feb 7th from 10-2pm on the 3rd Floor South Atrium, join HMM-Indiana and our partners for HIV Advocacy day at Statehouse Day.

Complementary coffee specialty bar available from 9am-2pm. Free Boxed Lunches will be available from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

[RSVP here](#) - or just show up!



HMM Member Spotlight



Please join us in celebrating Michelle Harris (she/her). Michelle was part of our first +Advocates Training held last year. She is a strong woman that HIV has been living with for 25 years. She moved to Indianapolis almost 5 years ago.

Michelle is the Chair of the Ryan White Planning Council for the Indianapolis Transitional Grant Area (TGA). She works with the ZIP Coalition in Region 7 (Marion County) and volunteers at the Damien Center.

Michelle reflects on her service: "*Being an advocate and volunteer with HMM is wonderful. Working with the ZIP Coalition is rewarding. Holding all of these various roles is a*



...continues to reward me. Finding all of these various roles is a challenge, but I'm up for it. Ending the HIV epidemic is the goal - PUSH THROUGH."

2023 HMM Bi-monthly Updates

Join us in 2023 for our bi-monthly advocacy meetings.

- When? Bi-monthly 3rd Wed of the Month: 6:30-7:30p ET/5:30-6:30p CT
- 2023 Dates: Jan 18, Mar 15, May 17, Jul 19, Sep 20, Nov 15
- Where? Zoom:
<https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208> | no passcode required.

What action can you take to help?

- Join our bi-monthly [HMM Advocacy Meetings](#)
- Inform others about HMM by placing our brochure at your organization, place of worship, or favorite coffee spot! [Click here to print copies and/or request paper copies](#) for distribution (English and español available).
- Provide us with more information *including your full street address*. This information will help us identify which State Legislative districts HMM members live in, which will allow us to target our emails to residents in key districts around the State. **Click the button below to [take action](#)** now if you haven't already! 😊

Take Action

Other Opportunities & Resources

- [Read past HMM digests](#) under Newsletter tab.
- For larger discussions on national news related to HIV criminalization join email lists

For larger discussions on national news related to HIV criminalization, join email lists from [The Sero Project](#) and the [Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#).

- For extensive resources on the topic, visit the [Center for HIV Law and Policy](#).
- [Find your Indiana state and federal legislators here](#)
- [Register to vote or check your voting status!](#)

Thank you!

HIV Modernization Movement is a grassroots advocacy organization. Our work is made possible by contributions from many donors, including major support from the [Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#).

We are now able to accept charitable contributions. [Please click here to donate!](#)

We have [HIV Modernization Movement merchandise for sale](#) on our website. Proceeds are invested back into our grassroots advocacy efforts.

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