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Recent Legislative Updates:

[Victims of Child Abuse Act Re-Authorization Act](#)

This act was passed by the US Congress and signed into law by President Biden in December 2022.

The key component of this legislation is to fund children's advocacy centers and re-authorizes & updates the Victims of Child Abuse Act program through 2028.

[Protect Our Children Act](#)

This act was passed by the US Congress and signed into law by President Biden in December 2022.

This legislation will safeguard the future of agencies that identify child victims of sexual abuse and apprehend offenders. The act reauthorizes funding for the National Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program which expired in September. The funding provides for 61 task forces across the country. In FY21, ICAC task force investigations resulted in the arrest of over 10,000 perpetrators of online sexual abuse & exploitation of children.

[PA House Bill #2, Act Amending Title 42](#)

This act was passed by the state House passed this bill, in February 2023, and it moves on to the Senate for consideration. If passed, the act will amend the state constitution, allowing victims of sexual abuse to sue their abusers, within a 2-year window.