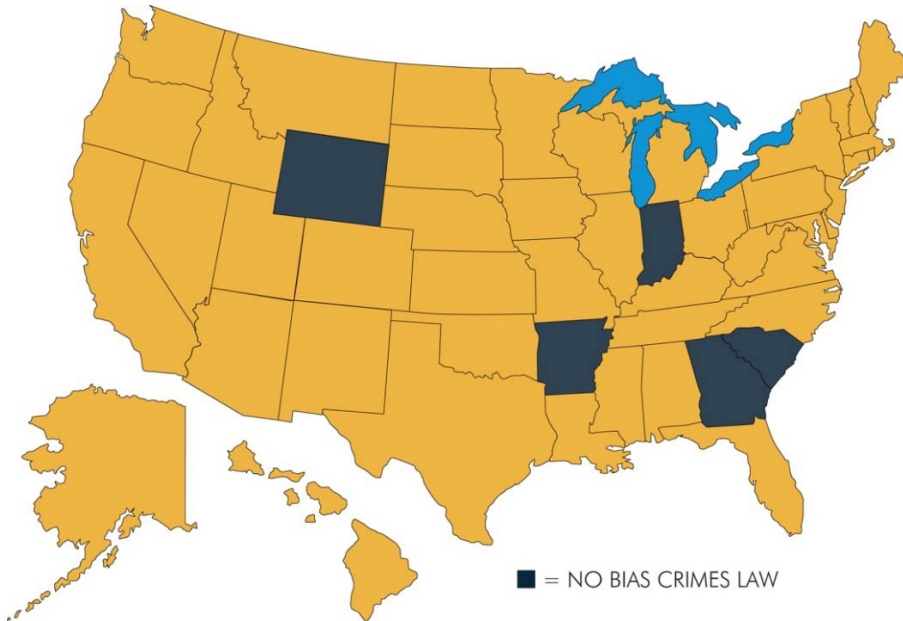


# Indiana Chamber Says PASS Strong Bias Crimes Bill

Indiana is one of only five states without a bias/hate crimes law. We must get off that negative list by passing strong legislation in 2019 that includes or references protected groups. Indiana is a welcoming place and we need to convey that message to those outside the state!



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“As we work to attract top talent from all over the U.S. and the world, individuals need to know that their friends and families will be safe from discrimination.”

- Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar

## ▶ **Talent Recruitment**

Indiana’s need for a highly-skilled workforce grows daily. We want potential workers to view our state favorably. Passing hate crimes legislation makes it easier for Hoosier employers to recruit and retain quality talent, and it helps maintain Indiana’s supply of 21st century jobs.

## ▶ **Gender Identity/Sexual Orientation**

Legislation should capture crimes motivated by bias against ALL classifications, including gender identity and sexual orientation.

## ▶ **Overwhelming Public Support for Meaningful Hate Crimes Law**

In the Indiana Chamber’s late 2018 poll of 600 registered voters across the state, nearly 75% of Hoosiers wanted a strong hate crimes law. That backing crosses political party lines – 63% among Republicans, 75% for independents and 84% for Democrats.

## ▶ **Current Generic Bill Doesn’t Work**

What passed the Senate does not meet the all-important criteria of a meaningful bias crimes law that will get Indiana off the list of states without one. The Anti-Defamation League, originator of one of the nationally-recognized lists, has issued a statement to that effect.

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