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## **U.S. States Protecting Against Gender Ideology**

As LGBTQ activists try and push radical gender ideology in America, states are now enacting legislation to protect the fundamental rights of children, parents, and women in the public sector. These commonsense laws recognize that biology is fixed at conception and giving legal credence to fiction would undermine the law and cause chaos and significant harm.

For example:

- Minors must be protected from receiving puberty blockers, hormones, and mutilating surgeries to remove healthy male or female organs, especially without parental consent.
- Children must be protected from exposure to lewd drag show performances with “male or female impersonators.”
- Females must have the freedom to participate in athletic events without competing against biological males.
- Biological males must not have access to females in private spaces such as bathrooms, dressing rooms, and locker rooms.

By the numbers:

- **24 protect female sports from biological males**
  - 4 states blocked amid legal challenges
- **23 states ban puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors**
  - 6 states blocked amid legal challenges
- **18 states codify parental rights giving parents the “fundamental right to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education, and care of their child”**
- **14 states regulate classroom instruction on gender/sexual orientation**
- **11 states mandate use of public-school bathrooms according to biological sex**

- 9 states protect students/teachers from having to use someone’s “preferred pronouns”
- 6 states ban public adult performances (drag shows) for minors
  - 3 states blocked amid a legal challenge

## States with enacted laws protecting against gender ideology

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### Alabama

#### \*Medical:

##### [“The Alabama Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act”](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for people up to 19 years of age.
- The law makes violations a felony.
- The law requires counselors, teachers, principals and other administrators — in both public and private schools — to tell parents if a child discloses any gender dysphoria.

**\* A federal appeals court ruled Alabama can fully enforce the law while the legal challenge continues.**

#### Schools/Education/Bathrooms:

##### [HB322](#)

- Requires K-12 public schools to designate bathrooms and locker rooms upon the basis of sex.
- Prohibits classroom instruction or discussion on sexual orientation or gender identity for students in kindergarten through the fifth grade in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards.

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#### Sports:

##### [HB391](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating in female sports in K-12 public and private schools.

[HB261](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating in female sports in public colleges and universities.

## Alaska

None

## Arizona

**Medical:**

[SB1138](#)

- Bans “irreversible gender-reassignment surgery” for minors.

**Parental Rights:**

[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 1-601](#)

- Preserves “the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children.”

**Public Health Insurance:**

[Ariz. Admin. Code § 9-22-205](#)

- Excludes “gender-reassignment surgeries” from taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for all ages.

**Schools**

[HB 2035](#)

- Allows parents to inspect school district policies and curriculum and permits parents to opt their children in to instruction on sexuality.

**\*Sports:**

[SB1165](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating in female sports in public and private schools.

**\*Temporarily blocked while a legal challenge is adjudicated.**

# Arkansas

## Adult Performances:

### [SB43](#)

- Prohibits an “adult-oriented performance” (appealing to the prurient interest) from taking place on public property, admitting any minor for attendance or from being funded in whole or in part with public funds.

## \*Medical:

### [“Save Adolescents from Experimentation \(SAFE\) Act”](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law allows civil action against health care providers for violations of the law. Minors injured by violations may bring civil action until 20 years after they reach the age of majority.

### **\*Permanently blocked**

- A federal judge [issued a permanent injunction](#) blocking the law from going into effect.

## School Bathrooms:

### [HB1156](#)

- Requires K-12 public and open-enrollment public charter schools to designate multiple occupancy restrooms or changing areas for exclusive use by the male or female sex, and provide reasonable accommodation for an individual unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom, such as with a single-occupancy restroom.

## Schools/Pronouns:

### [“The Given Name Act”](#)

- Prohibits school officials from calling a student by a name that does not match the name listed on the student’s birth certificate without a parent’s permission. Also, officials cannot address a child by a pronoun that does not match the child’s biological sex.

### [SB 294](#)

- Prohibits classroom instruction on sexuality and gender identity before the fifth grade.

### [SB 389](#)

- Allows parents to inspect classroom instruction materials related to sex education and gender identity and permits parents to opt their children out of participating in such material.

**\*Public Health Insurance:**

[Ark. Code § 20-9-1503](#)

- Prohibits taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “gender transition procedures” for minors under age 18.

**\*Permanently blocked**

- A federal judge issued a [permanent injunction](#) blocking the law. The state of Arkansas has appealed the injunction.

**Sports:**

[“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating in female sports in public and private schools.

## California

None

## Colorado

None

## Connecticut

None

## Delaware

None

## Florida

**\*Adult Performances:**

[HB 1438](#)

- Protects children from sexually explicit adult performances in all venues, such as drag shows and strip clubs.

**\*Temporarily blocked while a legal challenge is adjudicated.**

**Bathrooms and Safety:**

[HB 1521](#)

- Requires educational institutions, detention facilities, correctional institutions, juvenile correctional facilities, and public buildings with a restroom or changing

facility to designate separate facilities based on biological sex or to provide one-person unisex facilities

**\*Medical:**

[SB 254](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law also grants the state “temporary emergency jurisdiction” over a child if the child has been subjected to or threatened with sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures.
- Creates a pathway to recover damages for injury or death resulting from mutilating surgeries or puberty blockers given to a minor.
- The law makes violations by a health care practitioner a felony.

**\*Temporarily blocked while a legal challenge is adjudicated.**

**Parental Rights:**

[Parent’s Bill of Rights](#)

- HB241 prohibits the state from infringing upon the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of a minor child. The bill further requires a parent’s permission before a health care practitioner may provide services, prescribe medicine to the child, or perform a medical procedure, unless otherwise provided by law.

**\*Public Health Insurance:**

[Fla. Stat. § 409.905.](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “clinically unproven, experimental, or purely cosmetic services” for all ages.

**\*Permanently blocked**

- **A federal judge issued a [permanent injunction](#) blocking the law. The state of Florida has appealed the injunction.**

**Schools/Education/Pronouns:**

[HB 1557](#)

- HB 1557 prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and prohibits instruction that is not age appropriate for students and requires school districts to adopt procedures for notifying parents if there is a change in services from the school regarding a child’s mental, emotional or physical health or well-being.

[HB 1069](#)

- Students and teachers do not have to declare their pronouns in school or be forced to use pronouns not based on biological sex.

### [HB 241](#)

- Allows parents to inspect classroom instruction materials and permits parents to opt their children out of participating in sex education.

#### **\*Sports:**

### [“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating in female sports in public and private schools.

**\*A federal judge upheld the law and it remains in effect.**

## Georgia

#### **\*Medical:**

### [SB 140](#)

- Bans hormone therapies and mutilating surgeries for minors.

**\*In effect while a legal challenge is adjudicated.**

#### **Parental Rights:**

### [Parent’s Bill of Rights](#)

- Preserves the right of parents to direct the upbringing and the moral and religious training of their children. Allows parents to review and challenge public school classroom learning materials.

#### **Schools/Education:**

### [“Protect Students First Act”](#)

- Restricts how educators may approach “divisive concepts.”

#### **Sports:**

### [“Protect Students First Act”](#)

- Requires the state Athletic Association to determine whether or not to prevent biological males from competing in female sports. “If the athletic association determines that it is necessary and appropriate to prohibit students whose gender is male from participating in athletic events that are designated for students whose gender is female, then the athletic association may adopt a policy to that effect.”

## Hawaii

**None**

# Idaho

## \*Medical:

### [“Vulnerable Child Protection Act”](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- Makes illegal removing the child from the state for the purpose of receiving puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries in another state.
- The law makes it a felony for “whoever knowingly” violates the law upon a minor.

**\*The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-3 to allow Idaho to enforce the law while a legal challenge proceeds in the lower courts. adjudicated.**

## Parental Rights:

### [HB 113](#)

- HB 113 provides the parental right to direct the care, custody and control of children and to direct the education of children.

### [Parent’s Bill of Rights](#)

- The Parent’s Bill of Rights requires public schools to notify student’s parents or legal guardian regarding known changes in the student’s mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.

## Schools/Bathrooms:

### [\\*SB1100](#)

- Requires public schools maintain separate bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, dressing areas, and overnight accommodations for biological boys and biological girls.

### [SB1016](#)

- Prohibits a public works contractor shall not be required to provide access to a multiple-occupancy restroom, multiple-occupancy shower facility, or multiple-occupancy changing room on any basis other than sex.

**\*A federal judge temporarily blocked law while a legal challenge continues.**

## \*Sports:

### [“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams in public schools.

**\*Temporarily blocked with a preliminary injunction by a district court in which the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed.**



## Illinois

None

## Indiana

### \*Medical:

#### [Senate Enrolled Act 480](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.

#### [HB1569](#)

- Prohibits the Indiana Department of Correction may not authorize the payment of any money, the use of any state resources, or the payment of any federal money administered by the state to provide or facilitate the provision of sexual reassignment surgery to an offender patient.

**\*Temporarily blocked by a federal judge regarding puberty blockers and hormone therapies while a legal challenge is adjudicated.**

### Schools/Education:

#### ["Education Matters Act"](#)

- Prohibits schools from teaching human sexuality to students pre-kindergarten through third grade. Requires schools to notify parents of any request by the student to change name, pronoun, title, or word that identifies the student.

### Schools/Pronouns:

#### [HB 1608](#)

- Prohibits classroom instruction on human sexuality in kindergarten through 3rd grade.  
- Requires teachers and school staff to alert parents of students who ask to be called by a different name or pronoun.

### Sports:

#### [HB1041](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams in public and nonpublic schools.

## Iowa

### Medical:

#### [Senate File 538](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.

- The law allows a person to bring civil action against health care providers, or a person subjected to violations of the law as a minor may bring civil action until they reach 38 years of age.

### **Schools/Bathrooms:**

#### [SF 482](#)

- Prohibits persons from entering single or multiple occupancy restrooms and other facilities in elementary and secondary schools that do not correspond with the person's biological sex.

### **Schools/Education/Parental Rights/Pronouns:**

#### **[\\*SF496](#)**

- Prohibits instruction related to gender identity and sexual orientation in school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in kindergarten through grade six.
- Requires schools to notify parents if a student requests to use different name or different pronouns than the one used on official school registration and records.
- A school district shall not knowingly give false or misleading information to the parent or guardian of a student regarding the student's gender identity or intention to transition to a gender that is different than the sex listed on a student's official birth certificate or certificate issued upon adoption if the certificate was issued at or near the time of the student's birth.
- Requires material depicting sex acts to be removed from Iowa schools' libraries.
- Requires parental consent for school surveys asking about students' health, political affiliation, sexual behavior, illegal activities, religion, or family income.

**\*The portions of law regarding prohibition of sexual material and gender identity instruction have been temporarily blocked while a legal challenge is adjudicated.**

### **Sports:**

#### [HF 2416](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female teams in high school sports and college athletics.

## **Kansas**

### **Parental Rights:**

#### [Kan. Stat. Ann. § 38-141](#)

- Preserves the fundamental right for parents to exercise primary control over the care and upbringing of their children in their charge.

#### [Preservation of Religious Freedom Act](#)

- Preserves "the fundamental right of every parent to control the care and custody of such parent's minor children, including, but not limited to, control

over education, discipline, religious and moral instruction, health, Medical, welfare, place of habitation, counseling and psychological and emotional well-being of such minor children as set forth in the laws and constitution of the state of Kansas and of the United States.”

#### **Public Restrooms:**

##### [“Women’s Bill of Rights”](#)

- Legally defines male and female based on a person’s reproductive anatomy at birth, and stipulates Kansans must use public restrooms that correspond to their biological sex.

#### **Schools:**

##### [HB2138](#)

- Requires school districts to provide separate oversight accommodations for students of each biological sex during school district sponsored travel.

#### **Sports:**

##### [“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating in female athletic or sports teams sponsored by a public educational entity.

## **Kentucky**

#### **Education/Parental Rights:**

##### [SB 5](#)

- Allows parents to file complaints about material “harmful to minors” and requires schools to ensure students whose parents have filed a complaint does not have access to the material.

#### **\*Medical:**

##### [SB 150](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.  
- The law allows a person to bring civil action against health care providers, or a person subjected to violations of the law as a minor may bring civil action until they reach 30 years of age.

**\*The U.S. Court of Appeals has ruled the law is legal and enforceable.**

#### **Schools/Bathrooms:**

##### [SB 150](#)

- Prohibits students from using restrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms that are reserved for students of a different biological sex.  
- Prohibits a school district from requiring school personnel or pupils to use pronouns for students that do not conform to that student's biological sex.

- Prohibits public school instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity at all grade levels.

**Public Health Insurance:**

[Title 907 / Kentucky Medicaid Provider Manual](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “gender reassignment services” for all ages.

**Sports:**

[SB 83](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams from sixth grade through college.

## Louisiana

**Medical**

[“Stop Harming Our Kids Act”](#) (Takes effect January 1, 2024)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.

**Parental Rights:**

[Parent’s Bill of Rights](#)

- Allows parents to examine public school instructional material and opt their child out of topics associated with sexual activity.

**Sports:**

[“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams in all public schools and some colleges.

## Maine

None

## Maryland

None

## Massachusetts

None

# Michigan

## Parental Rights:

[Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.10](#)

- Preserves the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children.

# Minnesota

None

# Mississippi

## Education

[HB 1304](#)

- Requires schools to provide advance notice to parents of instruction on human sexuality and requires sex education to include abstinence education.

## Medical:

[“Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures \(Reap\) Act”](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law allows a person to bring civil action against health care providers, or a person subjected to violations of the law as a minor may bring civil action until they reach 30 years of age.

## Public Health Insurance:

[House Bill 1125](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “gender transition procedures” for minors under age 18.

## Sports:

[SB 2536](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams in all public high schools and colleges.

# Missouri

## \*Medical:

### [Missouri Save Adolescents from Experimentation \(SAFE\) Act](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.

**\*In effect. A St. Louis, Missouri Circuit Judge denied a request to block the law. The legal challenge is ongoing.**

## Public Health Insurance:

### [State of Missouri Physician Manual](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “gender change procedures” for all ages.

## Sports:

### [SB39](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams in all public or private schools and colleges.

# Montana

## \*Adult Performances:

### [HB359](#)

- Prohibits minors from attending sexually oriented shows and drag story hour in schools and libraries that receive public funding.  
- Prohibits minors from attending sexually oriented or obscene performances on public property and prohibits sexually oriented performances on public property where children are present.

**\*Temporarily blocked by a preliminary injunction while a legal challenge is being adjudicated.**

## \*Medical:

### [“Youth Health Protection Act”](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.  
- The law allows a person who suffered injuries from banned medical treatment to bring civil action against health care providers within four years after the time of discovery of the injury and the causal relationship between the injury and the medical treatment.

**\*Temporarily blocked by a preliminary injunction while a legal challenge is being adjudicated.**

### [SB458](#)

- Defines sex as male and female determined by the biological and genetic indication of male or female, including sex chromosomes, naturally occurring sex chromosomes, gonads, and nonambiguous internal and external genitalia present at birth, without regard to an individual's psychological, behavioral, social, chosen, or subjective experience of gender.

### [“Medical Ethics and Diversity Act”](#)

- A medical practitioner has the right not to participate in a health care service that violates the medical practitioner's conscience.

## **Schools/Parental Rights/Pronouns:**

### [Mont. Code Ann. § 40-6-701](#)

- Preserves the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of their children

### [SB518](#)

- Parents may withdraw their child from instruction or presentations, assemblies, guest lectures, or other educational events facilitated by a school's faculty or staff, including those conducted by outside individuals or organizations, that offend the parent's beliefs or practices.
- Parents shall provide written consent before the parent's child uses a pronoun that does not align with the child's sex. If a parent provides written consent, a person may not be compelled to use pronouns that do not align with the child's sex.

### [HB361](#)

- Allows students to call another student by the student's legal name or refer to another student by the student's biological sex.

## **\*Sports:**

### [“Save Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams in all public schools and public institutions of higher learning.

**\*Partially blocked by court order from being applied to higher education.**

## **Nebraska**

### **Medical:**

### [“Let Them Grow Act” \(LB574\)](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.

### **Public Health Insurance:**

[471 NAC 10-004](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “sex change procedures” for all ages.

## Nevada

### Parental Rights:

[SB 314](#)

- Preserves the fundamental right of a parent to make decisions regarding the care, custody and management of his or her child.

## New Hampshire

None

## New Jersey

None

## New Mexico

None

## New York

None

## North Carolina

### Education / Parental Rights / Pronouns:

[Parent’s Bill of Rights](#)

- Preserves the right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, moral and religious training, health care and mental health of their child.
- Requires parents be notified of any name or pronoun change by their child.
- Prohibits schools from adopting policies that withhold notifying parents about the mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being of their child.
- Requires age-appropriate instruction for grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Prohibits instruction on gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality in grades K-4.

### Medical:

[HB 808](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.



## Public Health Insurance:

### [House Bill 808](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “gender transition procedures” for minors under age 18.

## Sports:

### [“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams in all public schools and public institutions of higher learning and some private schools.

# North Dakota

## Bathrooms:

### [HB 1473](#)

- Requires people to use restrooms, showers, and changing rooms according to their biological sex in domestic violence shelters, correctional facilities, and dormitories at public colleges and universities.

## Adult Performances:

### [HB1333](#)

- Prohibits “adult-oriented performances” (appealing to the prurient interest) in the presence of minors and on public property.

## \*Medical:

### \*[HB 1254](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law makes performing sex-reassignment surgeries a felony, and prescribing puberty blockers and hormone therapy a misdemeanor.

### [HB1139](#) and [HB1474](#)

- Defines “sex” as the biological state of being female or male, based on the individual's nonambiguous sex organs, chromosomes, and endogenous hormone profiles at birth.

### [HB1297](#)

- Prohibits changing or amending birth records due to gender identity change.

**\*A federal judge upheld the law and its remains in effect.**

## Schools/Bathrooms/Pronouns

### [HB 1522](#)

- Prohibits teachers in public schools from withholding or concealing information about a student's gender status from the student's parent or legal guardian.
- Requires students to use school restrooms according to their biological sex.
- Prohibits school districts from adopting policies mandating or prohibiting the use of student's chosen pronouns.

### [HB1205](#)

- Prohibits public libraries from maintaining explicit sexual material.

## Sports:

### [HB 1249](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams in K-12 public schools.

### [HB 1489](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female sports teams in public institutions of higher education.

# Ohio

## Medical and Sports:

### [HB 68 – The Save Adolescents from Experimentation \(SAFE\) Act](#)

(Takes effect in April 2024)

- Prohibits physicians from administering mutilating puberty blockers, hormone treatments, and gender surgeries on children under 18. The bill was combined with the "Save Women's Sports Act" barring biological male athletes from competing on female sports teams in schools and in public and private colleges.

## Public Health Insurance:

### [OH OAC 5160-2-03](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for "gender transformation" for all ages.

# Oklahoma

## Education

Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 11-103.3(D)

## Gender Training:

### [HB 1775](#)

- No enrolled student of an institution of higher education within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall be required to engage in any form of

mandatory gender or sexual diversity training or counseling; Any orientation or requirement that presents any form of race or sex stereotyping or a bias on the basis of race or sex shall be prohibited.

**\*Medical:**

[SB 613](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law makes violations a felony.
- The law allows a legal guardian to bring civil action against health care providers before the minor subjected to violations reaches majority age. A person subjected to violations of the law as a minor may bring civil action until they reach 45 years of age.

**\*In effect after a federal court upheld the law.**

**Schools/Bathrooms:**

[SB 26](#)

- Requires Pre-K-12 public schools and public charter schools to designate restrooms and changing areas (locker rooms) for exclusive use of the male sex or female sex. Students must use the facility that matches the sex listed on their birth certificate.

**Parental Rights /Education:**

[Parent's Bill of Rights](#)

- Preserves the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, moral and religious training, health care and mental health of their children.
- Restricts discussions of homosexuality in sex/health education.

## Oregon

None

## Pennsylvania

None

## Rhode Island

None

## South Carolina

### Sports:

#### [H 4608](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams or sports in all public schools and public institutions of higher learning.

### Public Health Insurance:

#### [Physicians Provider Manual](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “gender transition” for all ages.

## South Dakota

### Medical:

#### [“Help Not Harm” Bill](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law allows a person to bring civil action against health care providers for violations of the law. Minors injured by violations may bring civil action until they reach 25 years of age.

### Sports:

#### [“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams or sports in South Dakota school districts and accredited schools or colleges.

## Tennessee

### \*Adult Performances:

#### [“Adult Entertainment Act”](#)

- Restricts "adult cabaret performances," in public or in the presence of children and bans them from occurring within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, or places of worship. Performances include those conducted by topless dancers, go-go dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, male or female impersonators, or similar entertainers who provide entertainment that appeals to a prurient interest.

**\*A U.S. District Court has ruled this law as unconstitutional and cannot be enforced in Shelby County. The law is still in effect in Tennessee’s other 94 counties. The state plans to appeal the ruling.**

**\*Medical:**

[SB 1](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law allows a minor injured by violations, or the parent of the minor, to bring civil action against health care providers. The action may be brought up until 30 years after the minor reaches 18 years of age.

**\*The U.S. Court of Appeals has ruled the law is legal and enforceable.**

**Public Health Insurance:**

[Rules of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of TennCare](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “sex change or transformation surgery” for all ages.

**Schools/Education/Parental Rights:**

[SB 1299](#)

- Requires school districts to notify parents of any instructional material related to sexual orientation and gender identity. Parents the right to opt-out and excuse their children from the curriculum.

**Schools/Bathrooms:**

[“Tennessee Accommodations for All Children Act”](#)

- Requires public schools to make “reasonable accommodation” for a person who cannot or will not use a restroom or changing facility designated for their sex in a public school building or at a school-sponsored activity. The law defines a person’s sex as “a person’s immutable biological sex as determined by anatomy and genetics existing at the time of birth.”

**Schools/Pronouns:**

[SB 466](#)

- A teacher or other employee of a public school is not required to use a student’s preferred pronoun when referring to the student if the preferred pronoun is not consistent with the student’s biological sex.

[HB 727 /SB 1443](#)

- Requires parental notification of LGBTQ-related curricula and requires parents to opt children in to this instruction.

## Sports:

### [SB 228](#)

- Requires public middle school or high school students who wish to participate in interscholastic athletic activity to play in accordance with the student's sex at the time of the student's birth, as indicated on the student's original birth certificate.

### [SB 1237](#)

- Allows private schools to regulate a student's participation in the school's athletic activities or events based upon a student's biological sex.

### [SB 1861](#)

- Directs the Tennessee Department of Education to “withhold a portion of the state education finance funds” if a public middle or high school refuses to determine a student’s gender according to the student’s sex at the time of birth for purposes of participation in school sports.

## Texas

### \*Adult Performances:

#### [SB 12](#)

- Restricts certain “sexually oriented performances” from taking place on public property, on the premises of a commercial enterprise, or in the presence of individuals under the age of 18.

**\*A federal judge ruled the law unconstitutional. The state plans to appeal.**

### Education

#### [HB 949/SB 404](#)

- Requires education for minors to emphasize abstinence before marriage and that homosexual conduct is not an acceptable lifestyle.

### \*Medical

#### [SB 14](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.

**\*Went in effect Sept 1, 2023 despite a district court’s decision against the ban. The decision was appealed to the Texas Supreme Court which let the ban go into effect while the appeal is under review.**

### Parental Rights:

#### [Texas Family Code Sec. 151.003](#)

- Preserves “the fundamental right and duty of a parent to direct the upbringing of the parent’s child.”

**Public Health Insurance:**

[Texas Medicaid Provider Manual](#)

- Excludes taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage for “sex change operations” for all ages.

**Sports:**

[HB 25](#)

- Requires public school students who compete in interscholastic competition to play on sports teams that correspond with the sex listed on their birth certificate at or near their time of birth.

[SB 5](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams or sports in public institutions of higher education.

## Utah

**Bathrooms and Safety:**

[HB 257](#)

- Requires people to use bathrooms and locker rooms in K-12 public schools, colleges, and government-owned buildings that match their sex assigned at birth, or according to their amended birth certificate.
- Requires schools to create privacy plans for those who feel uncomfortable using group bathrooms.

**Medical:**

[SB 16](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.
- The law also allows for the minor to submit medical malpractice claims up until they reach 25 years of age.

**Parental Rights:**

[Rights of Parents](#)

- Preserves “the fundamental right and duty to exercise primary control over the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of their children. There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent's decisions are in the child's best interests.”

## Schools:

### [SB100](#)

- Prohibits schools without written parental consent to make changes to a student's education record regarding a student's gender identity that does not conform with the student's sex.

## \*Sports:

### [HB 11](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams or sports in public schools.

**\*Blocked by a temporary injunction pending further judicial review.**

## Vermont

None

## Virginia

### Parental Rights:

#### [Virginia law Section 1-240.1](#)

- Preserves a parent's "fundamental right to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education, and care of the parent's child."

## Washington

None

## West Virginia

### Medical:

#### [HB 2007](#)

- Bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and mutilating surgeries for minors.  
- Exception: a patient can be prescribed puberty blockers and hormone therapy after receiving parental consent and a diagnosis of severe gender dysphoria from two doctors, including a mental health provider.

### Parental Rights:

#### [W. Va. Code § 49-1-1\(a\)](#) and [W. Va. Code § 49-6D-2\(a\)](#)

- Recognizes the fundamental rights of children and parents.



**\*Sports:**

[“Save Women’s Sports Act”](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams or sports in public schools and colleges.

**\*Struck down by the U.S. Court of Appeals.**

## Wisconsin

None

## Wyoming

**Parental Rights:**

[Wyoming law 14-2-206](#)

- Preserves the fundamental right of a parent to have care, custody and control of their child.

**Schools/Education:**

[SF 0009](#)

- Reinforces the fundamental right of parents and guardians to make decisions regarding the care and control of their children.
- Requires public school districts to notify a student’s parent or guardian if there is a change in the student’s educational, physical, mental or emotional health or well-being.
- Requires school districts to get written or electronic permission from parents or guardians prior to any trainings, courses or classes that address sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Sports:**

[SF0133](#)

- Bans biological male students from participating on female athletic teams or sports in public or private schools that compete with other public schools.