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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.

Here are the latest states with enacted laws in these areas:

### **States with enacted laws**

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## **Alabama**

**Medical:**

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

\*[Temporarily and partially blocked](#)

- A federal judge [temporarily blocked](#) the portion of the law that bans medication for youth.
- 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.

**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.

**Sports:**

[HB391](#)

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

[HB261](#) (Takes effect Aug. 1, 2023)

- 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.”

### **Sports:**

#### [SB1165](#)

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

## **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”\\*](#)

##### \*Temporarily blocked

- A federal judge [temporarily blocked](#) Arkansas's 2021 ban from going into effect.

- 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.

### **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.

## 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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Sports:

### ["Fairness in Women's Sports Act"](#)

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

# Georgia

## Medical:

### [SB 140](#) (Takes effect July 1, 2023)

-Bans hormone therapies and mutilating surgeries for minors.

## 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”](#) (Takes effect January 1, 2024)

- 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.

### 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](#) (Takes effect July 1, 2023)

- 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.

**Sports:**

[“Fairness in Women’s Sports Act”](#)

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

## 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.

**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](#) (Takes effect July 1, 2023)

- 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.

### **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”](#) (Takes effect July 1, 2023)

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

## **Kentucky**

### **Medical:**

#### [SB 150](#) (Takes effect July 1, 2023)

- 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.

### **Schools/Bathrooms:**

#### [SB 150](#)

- Prohibits students from using restrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms that are reserved for students of a different biological sex.

### **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.

### **Sports:**

#### [SB 83](#)

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

## Louisiana

### 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

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.

**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](#)

(Takes effect Aug. 28, 2023)

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

**Sports:**

[SB39](#) (Takes effect Aug. 28, 2023)

- 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.

**Medical:**

[“Youth Health Protection Act”](#) (Takes effect October 1, 2023)

- 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.

### [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.

## **Nebraska**

### **Medical:**

### [“Let Them Grow Act” \(LB574\)](#) (Takes effect October 1, 2023)

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

## **Nevada**

### **Parental Rights:**

[SB 314](#)

-Preservers 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**

None

## **North Dakota**

**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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **Ohio**

None

## **Oklahoma**

### **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.

**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:**

[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

**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.

## South Dakota

### Medical:

[“Help Not Harm” Bill](#) (Takes effect July 1, 2023)

- 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:

[SB 0003](#)

- 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.

### Medical:

[SB 1](#) (Takes effect July 1, 2023)

- 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.

- Note: Federal lawsuit pending. The Department of Justice filed a lawsuit April 26 in Federal Court challenging the ban.

### 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:**

#### [SB466](#)

- 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.

### **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.

#### [SB1237](#)

- 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**

### **Medical**

#### [SB14](#) (Takes effect Sept. 1, 2023)

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

## 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.”

## 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.

# Utah

## 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.

# 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](#) (Takes effect January 1, 2024)

- 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.

\*[Temporarily blocked](#) by U.S. Court of Appeals (U.S. Supreme Court upheld the temporary ruling)

## 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.

**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.