



AB 600: Pupil instruction: transgender concepts: opt out.

Bill Summary

This bill would allow parents or guardians to opt their children out of any school curriculum, instruction, lessons, presentations, or assemblies that discuss, involve, or reference **transgender concepts**, as well as from any related tests, questionnaires, or surveys. It mandates alternative educational activities for opted-out students and includes provisions for legal recourse if these rights are violated.

Problem

- **Parental Rights:** There is a recognized fundamental parental right to direct the education of their children, including aspects related to human sexuality and gender identity.
- **Conflicting Beliefs:** Many parents hold beliefs that are in direct conflict with the teaching of transgender concepts, viewing sex as strictly binary and immutable.
- **Increasing Prevalence:** There has been a noted increase in children and adolescents identifying as transgender, which some attribute to educational content on gender identity.
- **Current Exemptions:** While there are existing laws allowing for exemptions from certain health instructions, they do not explicitly cover lessons on transgender concepts that are discussed outside the confines of the health curriculum. Educators are introducing transgender concepts in kindergarten classes and upwards, and outside the health curriculum to skirt advance notice and parental opt-out of subject matters that do not align with the parents' belief system, irrespective of whether parents' opposition is based upon religious or secular beliefs.

Solution

- **Opt-Out Provision:** Establishes a legal right for parents or guardians to request their child be excused from any transgender-related instruction or testing upon written request.
 - **Alternative Activities:** Mandates that schools provide alternative educational activities during Courage times when transgender concepts are being taught or assessed.
 - **No Penalties:** Prohibits schools from penalizing students for opting out of these lessons or activities.
 - **Parental Notification:** Schools must notify parents of their rights under this bill at the beginning of each school year or upon a student's enrollment.
 - **Legal Action:** Grants a private right of action for individuals whose rights under this bill are violated, including potential for damages, equitable relief, and attorney fees.
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Legal Precedents:

- **Legal Precedents:** The bill draws on established legal precedents affirming parental control over their children's education and upbringing.
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Supporters:

LGBT Courage Coalition
LGB Alliance USA
Gays Against Groomers
Women's Liberation Front (WoLF)
Chloe Cole
WomenAreReal
Democrats for an Informed-Approach to Gender

Our Duty - USA
Our Duty - International
Genspect
Genspect USA
Freedom Angels
California Family Council
Moms for Liberty Placer County
Moms for Liberty Yolo County
Moms for Liberty Santa Barbara
Moms for Liberty San Luis Obispo
Informed Parents
Mom Army
Dad Army
Colorado Principled Physicians
Partners for Ethical Care
Advocates Protecting Children
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