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ANTI-LGBTQ HOUSEBILLS INTRODUCED BY REPUBLICANS IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE:

Bill TX HB167
Sponsor: Carl Tepper - R
This Bill seeks to prohibit considerations based on diversity, equity and inclusion which would allow for legal action against entities that violate these provisions.

Bill TX HB229
Sponsor: Ellen Troxclair - R
An act relating to general definitions for, and collection of, governmental information regarding biological sex which will place emphasis on defining biological differences between men and women.

Bill TX HB334
Sponsor: Carl Tepper - R
AN ACT relating to a prohibition on instruction and certain activities regarding sexual orientation or gender identity provided or allowed by a public school.

Bill TX HB477
Sponsor: Valorie Swanson - R
AN ACT relating to the required inclusion of a person's sex on a birth certificate and prohibited change of sex on the birth certificate of certain minors.

Bill TX HB497
Sponsor: Jared Patterson
AN ACT relating to the requirement of parental consent for behavioral or mental health treatment by school district personnel which is already required and one can choose whether to proceed or opt-out of treatment.

Bill TX HB506
Sponsor: Richard Hayes - R
AN ACT relating to prohibiting certain nonprofit state associations and organizations from providing training and insurance for any risk pool contracts to public educational entities.

Bill TX HB778
Sponsor: Jeff Leach - R
AN ACT relating to required health benefit plan coverage for the adverse effects and reversals of gender transition.

Bill TX HB789
Sponsor: Valorie Swanson - R
AN ACT relating to the requirement of parental consent for psychological or psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment conducted by school district personnel.

Bill TX HB938
Sponsor: Steve Toth - R
AN ACT relating to a cause of action for drag performances performed in the presence of a minor.

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Bill TX HB843
Sponsor: Brian Harrison - R
AN ACT relating to certain general definitions in the Code Construction Act adding new definitions that specifically focus on defining biological sex and sex-specific terms.

Bill TX HB847
Sponsor: Brian Harrison - R
AN ACT relating to a prohibition on funding for gender reassignment which broadly prevents any state-authorized or state-appropriated funds from being used to pay for such procedures or related health coverage.

Bill TX HB980
Sponsor: Steve Toth - R
AN ACT relating to the required inclusion of a person's sex on a birth certificate.

Bill TX HB1009
Sponsor: Mike Olcott -R
AN ACT relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools.

Bill TX HB1348
Sponsor: Mitch Little - R
AN ACT relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools with a specific requirements for 16”x20” posters.

Bill TX HB2116
Sponsor: David Spiller - R AN ACT relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools.

Bill TX HB1075
Sponsor: Nate Schatzline - R
AN ACT relating to a cause of action for drag performances performed in the presence of a minor.

Bill TX HB1084
Sponsor: Pat Curry - R
AN ACT relating to the regulation of in vitro fertilization procedures; authorizing an administrative penalty that specifically requires physicians and healthcare practitioners to only perform In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) on individuals who intend to carry to term every embryo implanted during the procedure, and prohibiting the termination of any unborn child resulting from a multifetal pregnancy created through IVF.

Bill TX HB 1088
Sponsor: Shelby Slawson - R
AN ACT relating to the statute of limitations on a health care liability claim involving certain gender modification drugs provided to and procedures performed on a minor, would extend statute-of-limitations for claims from 2 years from surgery for a minor to the age of 25.

Bill: HJR112
Sponsor: James Frank (R)*
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right of parents to raise their children.

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Bill TX HB1158
Sponsor: Lacey Hull - R
AN ACT relating to parental approval for a student's participation in human sexuality instruction in public schools requiring districts to obtain explicit written parental consent before providing human sexuality instruction to students.

Bill TX HB1267
Sponsor: Brian Harrison - R
This bill proposes to allow the Texas Legislature to recall a United States Senator representing Texas through a majority vote in both legislative chambers, effectively creating a state-level mechanism to remove a federally elected senator. ** This is dangerous because they see the changing tide and know that a Republican might not be elected next time.

Bill: HB2258
Sponsor: Steve Toth (R)*
AN ACT imposing private civil liability on anyone who causes or contributes to the social transitioning of a minor which is defined as any act by which a minor adopts a gender identity different from their biological sex, including changes in clothing, pronouns, hairstyle, or name.

Bill: HJR92
Sponsor: Andy Hopper (R)*
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a parent's right to direct the education of the parent's child which could lead to inaccuracies in history, science, and public health information.
A parent has the inherent right to exercise care, custody, and control of the parent's child and to make decisions for the upbringing of the parent's child and the state shall not interfere with the rights of a parent unless the interference is:
(1) essential to further a compelling governmental interest; and
(2) narrowly tailored to accomplish that compelling governmental interest.

Bill: SB2
Sponsor: Brandon Creighton (R)*, Paul Bettencourt (R)*, Donna Campbell (R)*, Brent Hagenbuch (R)*, Adam Hinojosa (R)*, Phil King (R)*, Mayes Middleton (R)*, Tan Parker (R)*, Angela Paxton (R)*
An Education Fund ($1,000 to 10,000) to pay for private schooling, and transportation to educational providers and programs CHOSEN by the State Comptroller. The bill includes money for legal defense should the state be brought to court if their CHOICES are questioned in a court of law.

Bill: SB80
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)* AN ACT relating to the Texas Sovereignty Act.
● This bill creates the Texas Sovereignty Act, allowing the state to challenge and nullify federal actions it views as unconstitutional.
● A 12-member legislative committee would review federal laws and decisions based on the original intent of the U.S. Constitution.
● If deemed unconstitutional, the Texas Supreme Court would review the decision, followed by a vote in the legislature.
● If approved, Texas could block the enforcement of that federal action within the state. The bill also allows Texas courts to rule on unconstitutional federal actions, reinforcing state sovereignty.
Bill: SB84

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Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)*
This act defines "male" and "female" for use in certain government documents.

Bill: SB86
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)*
This bill enhances parental rights in Texas schools by requiring parental notification of student well-being changes, banning instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity, and mandating consent for related clubs and health services. It takes effect in the 2025-2026 school year.

Bill: SB87
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)*
This act requires public schools to get separate, written parental consent at least 14 days before a student receives human sexuality instruction.

Bill: SB88
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)*
This act updates the criteria for prosecuting the sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to minors, defining it as content that appeals to a minor's sexual interest, is offensively inappropriate by community standards, and lacks social value for minors.

Bill: SB89
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)* The bill makes two key changes to Texas criminal law:
1. For obscenity cases, it removes most defenses based on educational or scientific purposes, but adds protection for law enforcement/judicial duties.
2. For sexual offenses involving minors, it reduces valid defenses to only three cases:
○ Being married to the minor
○ Law enforcement/judicial duties
○ Being within 2 years of the minor's age
The changes take effect September 1, 2025 and won't apply retroactively.

Bill: SB93
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)* The Texas Medical Board (TMB) must now:
1. Hold public hearings before making new rules (except emergencies)
2. Only accept complaints from:
○ Patients
○ People directly involved in patient care
○ Witnesses with direct knowledge (must provide sworn affidavit)
3. Complete investigations within 120 days (+30 day extension possible)
4. Not investigate incidents over 3 years old (with some exceptions)
5. Have 5 doctors from the same specialty review each complaint
6. Only take action if 75% of reviewing doctors agree care was substandard
7. Accept administrative law judge decisions as final
Modifies the rulemaking and complaint procedures for the Texas Medical Board (TMB)

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Bill: SB112
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)* This Texas bill:
1. Gives parents access to all electronic and written school records about their child, including:
- Grades and test scores
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Psychological records
- Learning difficulty documents
2. Requires written parental permission before schools can:
- Conduct psychological exams
- Give well-being questionnaires
- Do health screenings
- Record student images/voices
(Exceptions exist for special education and legally required tests)
Takes effect either immediately with two-thirds legislative vote, or September 1, 2025.

Bill: SB113
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)*
This Texas bill requires:
1. Written parental consent before schools or contractors can:
- Give psychological/psychiatric exams, tests, or treatments
- Use surveys or lessons that ask about students' feelings/attitudes
- Assess students' mental state
2. Schools can still:
- Ask general questions about student well-being
- Teach regular academic lessons
- Record for safety, activities, class instruction, or media
- Keep recordings for student safety
3. Schools must keep consent forms in student records.
Takes effect either immediately with two-thirds legislative vote, or September 1, 2025.

Bill: SB115
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)* This Texas bill:
1. Bans gender modification procedures including:
○ Surgeries that alter sex characteristics
○ Hormone treatments
2. Creates liability:
○ Providers/insurers responsible for lifetime medical costs
○ Legal risks for offering these treatments
3. Blocks public funding:
○ No state health plans can cover procedures
○ No Medicaid coverage
○ No public funds allowed
4. Exceptions only for:
○ Verified genetic disorders
○ Atypical sex chromosomes
Takes effect September 1, 2025.

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Bill: SB116
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)*, Mayes Middleton (R)*
This Texas bill extends medical malpractice lawsuit deadlines for gender modification treatments:
1. Patients can sue until age 30 if they received:
○ Puberty blockers
○ Cross-sex hormones
○ Gender transition surgeries
○ Other related procedures as minors
2. This replaces previous limits of:
○ 2 years after treatment
○ By age 14 for minors
○ Maximum 10 years after treatment
Takes effect September 1, 2025.
Bill: TX SB126
Sponsor: Bob Hall (R)*
This bill regulates surveys/studies about children's sexual behavior:
1. Applies to:
- Public schools (K-12)
- Public colleges
- Drug companies
- Research organizations
- Other entities
2. Creates:
- Criminal penalties
- Civil penalties

Bill: SB240
Sponsor: Mayes Middleton (R)*
The Texas Women's Privacy Act:
1. Requires government facilities to restrict private spaces (restrooms, locker rooms, etc.) by biological sex based on:
○ Physical anatomy
○ Chromosomes
○ Birth certificate
2. Enforcement:
○ State/local agencies must enforce
○ Citizens can file complaints with AG
○ Exceptions for maintenance, medical, childcare staff
3. Penalties:
○ First offense: $5,000
○ Later offenses: $25,000
○ Failed lawsuits must pay winner's legal fees
Takes effect either immediately with two-thirds legislative vote, or September 1, 2025.

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Bill: SB242
Sponsor: Pete Flores (R)*
This bill removes "educational" defenses from Texas laws about obscene material/conduct with minors:
Allowed defenses now limited to:
○ Scientific purposes
○ Medical/psychological purposes
○ Law enforcement/legal purposes
○ Being married to the minor
○ Being within 2 years of minor's age
Takes effect September 1, 2025 for new offenses.

Bill: TX SB306
Sponsor: Charles Perry (R)*,
This bill protects free speech and student organizations at Texas public colleges by preventing schools from denying benefits based on political, religious, or ideological beliefs. It allows students and organizations to take legal action if their rights are violated, with ongoing violations treated as separate offenses. The bill also removes immunity for schools, allowing them to be sued for such violations.
Bill: TX SB371
Sponsor: Donna Campbell (R)*, Paul Bettencourt (R), Bryan Hughes (R),
This bill requires schools to get written parental consent at least 14 days before providing human sexuality instruction. The consent form must be separate from other notifications. Taking effect in the 2025-2026 school year, the bill aims to give parents more control over their child's sex education.

Bill: TX SB400
Sponsor: Lois Kolkhorst (R)*,
This bill requires schools to obtain written parental consent before conducting psychological or psychiatric exams, tests, or treatments on a child, including surveys or screenings. Students cannot participate without a signed form. Special education-related exams are exempt.

Bill: TX SB406
Sponsor: Mayes Middleton (R)*, Bob Hall (R),
This bill requires Texas birth certificates to record biological sex as male or female, based on physical traits at birth. If sex is unclear, it can be updated later. Changes are only allowed for clerical errors or cases of initial ambiguity.

Bill: TX SB412
Sponsor: Mayes Middleton (R)*,
This bill tightens defenses for crimes involving obscene materials or harm to children by removing exceptions for scientific, educational, governmental, or medical purposes. It limits justifications to judicial, law enforcement, or legislative purposes. Existing defenses for close-in-age or marital situations remain. Changes apply to offenses after September 1, 2025.

Bill: TX SB451
Relating to the purchase, adoption, and use of instructional materials by public schools.
Sponsor: Mayes Middleton (R)*,
This bill bans Texas public and charter schools from using instructional materials that contain obscene content, are on the state's rejected list, or prevent required certifications. It applies to both traditional and open education resources. The restrictions take effect in the 2025-2026 school year, giving the State Board of Education more control over school materials.

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Bill: TX SB569
Sponsor: Paul Bettencourt (R)*, Pete Flores (R)*, Mayes Middleton (R)*, Tan Parker (R)*, Angela Paxton (R)*, Royce West (D)*, Judith Zaffirini (D)*,
This bill overhauls virtual and hybrid education in Texas public schools by replacing the state virtual school network with a new legal framework. It defines virtual and hybrid learning models, allows districts and charter schools to offer them, sets quality standards, and protects student and teacher rights. It ensures equal funding for virtual and traditional students, requires schools to consider virtual options before expulsion, and mandates professional development for educators.

Bill: TX SB689
Sponsor: Bryan Hughes (R)*,
This bill restricts diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives in Texas government, including state agencies, local governments, and charter schools. It bans DEI offices, personnel, and contracts unless required by federal law. Entities cannot promote hiring based on race, sex, or
ethnicity or conduct DEI-related training. Complaints can be filed with the Attorney General, who may take legal action to enforce compliance.

Bill: TX SB762
Sponsor: Donna Campbell (R)*,
This bill limits which flags can be displayed in Texas public schools, allowing only specific flags such as the U.S., Texas, POW/MIA, tribal, military, and certain educational institution flags. Parents can take legal action if a school violates these rules but must first give the school 10 business days to correct the issue. The law takes effect on January 1, 2026.

Bill: TX SB810
Sponsor: Bryan Hughes (R)*,
This bill protects Texas public school employees from disciplinary action for using terms that align with a person's biological sex rather than their gender identity. It applies to school districts and charter schools and takes effect immediately if passed by a two-thirds legislative vote or on September 1, 2025.

Bill: TX SB822
Sponsor: Mayes Middleton (R)*,
This bill bans cell-cultured protein in Texas, defi ning it as food made by artifi cially replicating animal cells. It amends the Health and Safety Code to outlaw the production, possession, distribution, or sale of such products, classifying them as adulterants unfi t for consumption. The law, effective September 1, 2025, prohibits these products from being made or sold in Texas and requires the Health and Human Services Commission to implement rules for enforcement. This preemptive measure aims to block cell-cultured protein from entering the Texas food market.

Bill: TX SB965
Sponsor: Paul Bettencourt (R)*, Donna Campbell (R)*, Brandon Creighton (R)*, Bob Hall (R)*, Adam Hinojosa (R)*, Lois Kolkhorst (R)*, Mayes Middleton (R)*, Tan Parker (R)*, Angela Paxton (R)*,
This bill adds a section to the Texas Education Code safeguarding public school employees' rights to engage in religious speech or prayer while on duty. It prohibitsschool districts, charter schools, and state entities from restricting such expression unless the restriction is necessary for a compelling state interest and is the least restrictive means to achieve it. This grants employees broad freedom to express religious beliefs at work, with minimal exceptions. The bill takes effect immediately if passed by a two-thirds legislative vote, or on September 1, 2025. It aims to protect employees' First Amendment rights to religious expression in public schools.

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Bill: TX SB983
Sponsor: Bryan Hughes (R)*,
This bill updates the Texas Education Code to impose new rules on school health advisory councils and instruction about human sexuality, sexual orientation, and gender identity. It requires charter schools and districts of innovation to form health advisory councils to recommend policies on reproductive and sexual health discussions.
Crucially, it bans instruction, activities, or programming on sexual orientation or gender identity for students from pre-K through 12th grade, with exceptions for First Amendment-protected student speech and authorized health services with parental consent.
Schools must also adopt policies directing employees to refer students to parents, counselors, or specifi c teachers for reproductive and sexual health topics.
Violations can lead to legal action by the attorney general or county attorney. The bill takes effect immediately with a two-thirds legislative vote, or on September 1, 2025, otherwise.

Bill: TX SB984
Sponsor: Paul Bettencourt (R)*,
This bill creates a framework in Texas for patients with life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses to access personalized investigational treatments tailored to their genetic profi le.
Patients
- must have exhausted FDA-approved options,
- receive a physician's recommendation based on genetic analysis,
- and provide written informed consent detailing risks and costs.

Healthcare facilities must follow federal human subject protection guidelines, and manufacturers can provide treatments voluntarily. The bill protects healthcare providers from sanctions, prohibits state interference, and exempts insurers and government agencies from covering costs. It also shields manufacturers and providers acting in good faith and ensures patients' heirs are not liable for treatment debts if the patient dies. The law takes effect on September 1, 2025.

Bill: TX SJR12
Sponsor: Paul Bettencourt (R)*, Donna Campbell (R)*, Brandon Creighton (R)*, Pete Flores (R)*, Bob Hall (R)*, Kelly Hancock (R)*, Phil King (R)*, Mayes Middleton (R)*, Tan Parker (R)*, Angela Paxton (R)*,
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a parent's right to direct a child's education.
SECTION 1. A new section is added to the Texas Constitution, defi ning parental rights in education:
- "Parent" includes natural parents, stepparents, adoptive parents, legal guardians, or custodians.
- Parents have the right to:

1. Make reasonable choices within public schools.
2. Choose alternatives like private or home schools.
3. Access and review teaching materials and library books.
4. Attend public school governing meetings.
5. Access their child’s school records, including health records.

- These rights cannot be denied due to a parent’s or child’s disability.
- The government may enact laws to protect these rights.

SECTION 2. This amendment will be voted on in the November 4, 2025 election, asking voters if they support "The constitutional amendment establishing a parent's right to direct a child's education."