

I strongly oppose this bill. Banning schools from acknowledging or taking extremely basic steps to respect gender identity of students is extremely harmful to trans children. Suicide rates among children who are trans are exponentially higher than children who are not trans, and enacting this bill will contribute to trans children feeling discouraged, depressed, and rejected by their society. This bill directly goes against all of the research about supporting mental health for trans individuals. The fact that this bill is being considered is embarrassing for our state. It shows such ignorance of factual information and the extreme prejudice of our lawmakers.

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