Nondiscrimination/LGBTQ Youth: Bans on Transgender People’s Use of Bathrooms & Facilities

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### Background

These laws prohibit transgender people from using bathrooms and facilities—such as locker rooms, shower rooms, changing rooms, and other sex-segregated spaces—according to their gender identity. Some of these policies apply to K-12 school settings, while others apply more broadly to government-owned buildings and spaces. This can include bathrooms and facilities in government buildings (e.g., city hall, courthouses, state legislative buildings, and more), colleges or universities, jails or prisons, and even in some cases airports, public parks, and much more.

### Equality Map and Additional Resources

- See our [Equality Map: Bans on Transgender People’s Use of Bathrooms & Facilities According to Their Gender Identity](https://maps.movementadvancementproject.org/transgender-bans), which is updated and maintained in real time alongside this document.

- For more information about school nondiscrimination laws and guidance on the treatment and inclusion of transgender students see MAP’s [Equality Map: School Nondiscrimination Laws](https://maps.movementadvancementproject.org/school-nondiscrimination-laws) (updated and maintained in real time) and its corresponding [citation sheet](https://maps.movementadvancementproject.org/citation-sheet), which contains additional state-by-state information, links, and analysis.

### Summary Tables

**Table 1: Summary, Scope, and Sources of Existing Bans**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>States and Details</th>
<th>Bill</th>
<th>Year</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>States that ban transgender people from using bathrooms and facilities consistent with their gender identity in...</strong> (9 states total)</td>
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<tr>
<td>...in K-12 schools, colleges, and all government-owned buildings and spaces (1)</td>
<td>Florida, North Dakota, Florida, North Dakota</td>
<td>HB 1521, HB 1522 (K-12)</td>
<td>2023</td>
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<td>...in K-12 schools and at least some government-owned buildings (1)</td>
<td>Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee</td>
<td>HB 322, HB 1156, SB 1100, SF 482, SB 150, SB 615, HB 1233</td>
<td>2022, 2023, 2023, 2023, 2022, 2021</td>
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<td>...in K-12 schools (7)</td>
<td>All others</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>No bans or restrictions</strong> (41 states, DC, + 5 territories)</td>
<td>All others</td>
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Table 2: Enacted v. Effective Dates and Lawsuits

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Enacted Date</th>
<th>Effective Date</th>
<th>Lawsuits</th>
<th>Lawsuit status</th>
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<td>Alabama</td>
<td>April 8, 2022</td>
<td>July 1, 2022</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>March 21, 2023</td>
<td>90 days after legislature adjourns</td>
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<td>Florida</td>
<td>May 17, 2023</td>
<td>July 1, 2023</td>
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<tr>
<td>Idaho</td>
<td>March 22, 2023</td>
<td>July 1, 2023</td>
<td>Roe v. Critchfield</td>
<td>Filed July 2023</td>
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<td>Iowa</td>
<td>March 22, 2023</td>
<td>March 22, 2023</td>
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<td>Kentucky</td>
<td>March 29, 2023</td>
<td>March 29, 2023</td>
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<tr>
<td>North Dakota (HB1473)</td>
<td>April 25, 2023</td>
<td>August 1, 2023</td>
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<td>North Dakota (HB1522)</td>
<td>May 8, 2023</td>
<td>August 1, 2023</td>
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<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>May 25, 2022</td>
<td>May 25, 2022</td>
<td>Bridge v. Oklahoma State Department of Education</td>
<td>Filed Sept 2022</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>May 14, 2021</td>
<td>July 1, 2021</td>
<td>D.H. v. Williamson County Board of Education</td>
<td>Filed August 2021</td>
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Previous Ban No Longer in Effect

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Enacted Date</th>
<th>Effective Date</th>
<th>Other Notes</th>
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Chronology

Order of Laws
(by date of governor signature, veto override, or administrative filing; not by effective date)

2016

2021
2. Tennessee – HB1233 – May 14, 2021

2022
3. Alabama – HB322 – April 8, 2022
4. Oklahoma – SB615 – May 25, 2022

2023
5. Arkansas – HB1156 – March 21, 2023
6. Iowa – SF482 – March 22, 2023
7. Idaho – SB1100 – March 22, 2023
8. Kentucky – SB150 – March 29, 2023 (overriding governor veto)
   North Dakota – HB1522 (K-12) – May 8, 2023
10. Florida – H1521 – May 17, 2023

Order of Governor Vetoes

1. Kentucky – SB150 – March 24, 2023 (later overridden) (read veto statement here)
State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama
- State law bans transgender people, including students, from using **K-12 school facilities** consistent with their gender identity. See [HB322](2022).
  - Applies to K-12 public schools.
  - No penalties defined.

Alaska
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Arizona
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Arkansas
- State law bans transgender people, including students, from using **K-12 school facilities** consistent with their gender identity. See [HB1156](2023).
  - Applies to preK-12 public and public charter schools.
  - Individual teachers, principals, or superintendents who allow a transgender student to use a bathroom or facility consistent with their gender identity are subject to fines of a minimum of $1,000 per occurrence. These are fines of the school staff personally, not of the school district. Parents and guardians can also sue the school district over violations.

California
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Colorado
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Connecticut
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Delaware
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

District of Columbia
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity
Florida
- State law bans transgender people from using bathrooms and facilities consistent with their gender identity in all K-12 schools, colleges, and government-owned buildings or spaces. See HB1521 (2023).
  - Applies to both public and private schools and colleges, jails and prisons, and “public buildings,” defined to include buildings “owned or leased by the state, a state agency, or a political subdivision.” “Political subdivisions” refers to county or municipal governments. This extremely broad scope means the ban applies to a wide range of public places, including bathrooms and facilities in airports, public parks, and much more.
  - Violations are a criminal trespass offense, punishable by potential imprisonment.

Georgia
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Hawai‘i
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Idaho
- State law bans transgender people, including students, from using K-12 school facilities consistent with their gender identity. See SB1100 (2023).
  - Applies to K-12 public and public charter schools.
  - Allows students to sue schools if they encounter a transgender person in a school multi-user restroom, changing facility, or sleeping quarter (i.e., on an overnight school trip). Specifies that if a student wins the lawsuit, they can receive $5,000 per occurrence, as well as additional monetary damages, attorney’s fees, and more.
  - In July 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging this law. See Roe v. Critchfield.

Illinois
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Indiana
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity
Iowa
- State law bans transgender people, including students, from using K-12 school facilities consistent with their gender identity. See SF482 (2023).
  - Applies to K-12 public schools.
  - Allows any citizen of the state (i.e., not only parents or guardians of children at a given school) to file a complaint with the state attorney general, who can then investigate and potentially sue the school.

Kansas
- No state law banning* transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity
- *However, SB180 (2023) defines “sex” throughout state law in ways that allow for discrimination against transgender people, setting a dangerous precedent for future state or municipal bans on bathroom or facilities use.

Kentucky
- State law bans transgender students from using K-12 school facilities consistent with their gender identity. See SB150 (2023). No penalties defined.

Louisiana
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Maine
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Maryland
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Massachusetts
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Michigan
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Montana
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Nebraska
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Nevada
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New Hampshire
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New Jersey
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New Mexico
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New York
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North Carolina
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North Dakota

- State law bans transgender students from using **K-12 school facilities** consistent with their gender identity. See [HB1522](2023).
  - Applies to K-12.
  - No penalties defined.
- State law bans transgender people from using facilities consistent with their gender identity in some, though not all, government-owned buildings. See [HB1473](2023).
  - Applies to facilities in public college dormitory or living facilities, as well as state correctional facilities and penitentiaries.
  - No penalties defined.

Ohio

- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Oklahoma

- State law bans transgender people, including students, from using **K-12 school facilities** consistent with their gender identity. See [SB615](2022).
  - Applies to preK-12 public and public charter schools.
  - Violations will result in a 5% “decrease in state funding for the school district or public charter school for the fiscal year following the year of noncompliance,” and parents or guardians can sue the school district.
- In September 2022, a lawsuit was filed challenging this law. See [Bridge v. Oklahoma State Department of Education](#).

Oregon

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Pennsylvania

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Rhode Island

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South Carolina

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Tennessee
- State law bans transgender people, including students, from using K-12 school facilities consistent with their gender identity. See HB1233/SB1367 (2021).
  - Applies to K-12 public schools.
  - Note: this is slightly different than other similar bans (e.g., AL or OK), but remains effectively a ban on transgender students using school facilities in the same way as all other students. This bill directs schools to provide single-user facilities for transgender students or school staff, but also allows any student, parent, or employee to sue if they interact with a transgender person in a multi-user school bathroom or other facility.

Texas
- No state law banning transgender people’s use of bathrooms, facilities, or other sex-segregated spaces according to their gender identity

Utah
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Vermont
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Virginia
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Washington
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West Virginia
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Wisconsin
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Wyoming
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U.S. Territories

American Samoa
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Guam
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Northern Mariana Islands
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