Safe Schools Laws: Anti-Bullying

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Alabama
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Alaska
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Arizona
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Arkansas
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

California
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
  • Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

Colorado
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

Connecticut
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
  • Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

Delaware
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
  • See H.B. 268 (2012).
District of Columbia
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic
- See D.C. Law 19-167 (2012)

Florida
- No law protecting LGBT students

Georgia
- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the basis of sexual orientation only
- See O.C.G.A. § 20-2-751.4 (2011)

Hawaii
- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See the Hawaii State Board of Education’s Student Safety and Welfare Policy 4211 (2008).

Idaho
- No law protecting LGBT students

Illinois
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic
- See S.B. 3266 (2010).

Indiana
- No law protecting LGBT students

Iowa
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

Kansas
- No law protecting LGBT students
Kentucky
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Louisiana
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Maine
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
    • See 20-A M.R.S. §6554, based on LD 1237 (2012).

Maryland
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
    • See H.B. 199 (2008).

Massachusetts
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

Michigan
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Minnesota
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
    • See Minn. Stat. § 363A.08 (2014).

Mississippi
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Missouri
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Montana
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Nebraska
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Nevada
  • Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
    • See S.B. 504 (2015).
New Hampshire

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

New Jersey

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

New Mexico

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See S.B. 288 (2019)
- Formerly, School regulation or teacher code prohibited bullying on the basis of sexual orientation only. See New Mexico Administrative Code § 6.12.7 (2006).

New York

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See A.B. 3661 (2010).

North Carolina

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

North Dakota

- No law protecting LGBT students

Ohio

- No law protecting LGBT students

Oklahoma

- No law protecting LGBT students

Oregon

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
Pennsylvania

- No law protecting LGBT students

Rhode Island

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

South Carolina

- No law protecting LGBT students

South Dakota

- No law protecting LGBT students

Tennessee

- No law protecting LGBT students

Texas

- No law protecting LGBT students

Utah

- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity only. See Rule 277-613.

Vermont

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

Virginia

- No law protecting LGBT students

Washington

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
  - See RCW 28A.300.285 and RCW 9A.36.080, amended to include sexual orientation in 2002 and amended to include gender identity in 2009

West Virginia

- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation, gender identity, and association with someone with a listed characteristic
  - See 126 CSR 99, also known as Policy 4373 (July 2012)
Wisconsin
  • No law protecting LGBT students

Wyoming
  • No law protecting LGBT students

U.S. Territories

American Samoa
  • No educational laws or regulations that enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity

Guam
  • Bill 41-31 (2011) prohibits bullying based on sexual orientation.

Northern Mariana Islands
  • State Board of Education regulations prohibit bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity (2011).

Puerto Rico
  • In 2012, Puerto Rico passed the Students’ Bill of Rights, which guarantees equal educational opportunity to all students and explicitly includes sexual orientation and gender identity. The Puerto Rico Department of Education, which operates all public schools has adopted a policy prohibiting discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity (2017).

U.S. Virgin Islands
  • Bullying prevention statute enumerates sexual orientation (2014).