LGBTQ Youth: Bans on Transgender Youth Participation in Sports

No updates required since April 28, 2022

Alabama
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See HB391 (April 2021). Applies to K-12.

Alaska
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Arizona
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See SB1165 (March 2022). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

Arkansas
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See HB1570/SB354 (March 2021). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

California
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Colorado
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Connecticut
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Delaware
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

District of Columbia
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Florida
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See S1028 (June 2021). Applies to high school (secondary) and higher education.
Georgia
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Hawai`i
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Idaho
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See HB500 (March 2020). Applies to K-12 and higher education.
- Currently, a temporary injunction is blocking enforcement of the law, but the case is still active in the court system pending further judicial review. See Hecox v. Little (August 2020).

Illinois
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Indiana
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Iowa
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See HF2416 (March 2022). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

Kansas
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Kentucky
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See SB83 (April 2022), overriding governor’s veto. Applies to grades 6-12 and higher education.

Louisiana
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Maine
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity
Maryland
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Massachusetts
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Michigan
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Minnesota
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Mississippi
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See [SB2536](#) (March 2021). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

Missouri
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Montana
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See [HB112](#) (May 2021). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

Nebraska
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

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
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Ohio
  • State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Oklahoma
  • State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See SB2 (March 2022). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

Oregon
  • State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Pennsylvania
  • State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Rhode Island
  • State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

South Carolina
  • State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity
South Dakota
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See SB46 (February 2022). Applies to K-12 and higher education.
- Previously, state policy, via executive order, banned transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See Executive Order 2021-05 (March 2021; K-12) and Executive Order 2021-06 (March 2021; higher education).

Tennessee
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See SB228/HB3 (March 2021). Applies to middle and high school (5th-12th grades).
- State law requires schools that do not comply with ban to lose state funding. See HB1895/SB1861 (April 22, 2022).

Texas
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See HB25 (Oct 2021, effective 1/18/22). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

Utah
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See HB11 (March 2022), overriding governor’s veto. Applies to K-12.

Vermont
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Virginia
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Washington
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

West Virginia
- State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See HB3293 (April 2021). Applies to high school and higher education.
- Currently, a temporary injunction is blocking enforcement of the law, but the case is still active in the court system pending further judicial review. See BPJ v. West Virginia State Board of Education (July 2021).

Wisconsin
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity
Wyoming
- State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

U.S. Territories

American Samoa
- Territory law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Guam
- Territory law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

Northern Mariana Islands
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Puerto Rico
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U.S. Virgin Islands
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Order of Laws and Vetoes

Order of Laws
(by date of governor signature/order or override, not by effective date)

2020
1. Idaho – March 2020

2021
2. Mississippi – March 11, 2021
3. Arkansas – March 25, 2021
4. Tennessee – March 26, 2021
5. South Dakota – March 29, 2021, by executive orders
6. Alabama – April 23, 2021
7. West Virginia – April 28, 2021
8. Montana – May 7, 2021
9. Florida – June 1, 2021
10. Texas – October 25, 2021

2022

South Dakota – Feb 2, 2022, by legislation and building on existing executive orders
11. Iowa – March 3, 2022
12. Utah – March 25, 2022, overriding governor veto
13. Oklahoma – March 30, 2022
15. Kentucky – April 13, 2022, overriding governor veto

Order of Governor Vetoes

1. South Dakota – HB1217 – March 29, 2021 (but replaced with bans by executive order)
2. North Dakota – HB1298 – April 21, 2021
3. Kansas – SB55 – April 22, 2021
5. Indiana – HB1041 – March 21, 2022
6. Utah – HB11 – March 22, 2022 (later overridden)
7. Kentucky – SB83 – April 6, 2022 (later overridden)
8. Kansas – SB160 – April 15, 2022