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LGBTQ Youth: Bans on Transgender Youth Participation in Sports

No updates required since July 26, 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



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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 bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See [HB1041](#) (May 2022), overriding governor's veto. 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 [A.M. v. Indianapolis Public Schools](#) (July 2022).

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 bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See [SB44](#) (June 2022), enacted without governor's signature. Applies to K-12 and higher education.

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

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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

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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 bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity. See [H4608](#) (May 2022). Applies to K-12 and higher education.

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). See also [SB2153/HB2316](#) (May 6, 2022), applies to higher education.
- 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

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Guam

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

Northern Mariana Islands

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

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 veto 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
 14. Arizona – March 30, 2022
 15. Kentucky – April 13, 2022, overriding governor veto
 16. South Carolina – May 16, 2022
 17. Indiana – May 24, 2022, overriding governor veto
 18. Louisiana – June 6, 2022, without governor's signature

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
4. Louisiana – [SB156](#) – June 21, 2021
5. Indiana – [HB1041](#) – March 21, 2022 (later overridden)
6. Utah – [HB11](#) – March 22, 2022 (later overridden)
7. Kentucky – [SB83](#) – April 6, 2022 (later overridden)
8. Kansas – [SB160](#) – April 15, 2022
9. Pennsylvania – [HB972](#) – July 8, 2022