

Legislation Affecting LGBTQ+ Rights Across the Country



Legislation adversely affecting the rights of LGBTQ has skyrocketed over the past few years. The slate of legislation includes measures that would restrict LGBTQ issues in school curriculums, permit religious exemptions to discriminate against LGBTQ people and limit trans people’s ability to play sports, use bathrooms that correspond with their gender identity and receive gender-affirming health care. Proponents of these bills say they’re about protecting children, parental rights, religious freedom or a combination of these. Opponents, however, contend they’re discriminatory. We will discuss the changing laws and precedent in this area of the law.

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