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Laws to Know: Protecting LGBTQ Youth in California

AB 537 (2000): California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act

Prohibits discrimination/harassment on basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

AB 458 (2004): California Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act

No discrimination/harassment on basis of sexual orientation and gender identity for LGBTQ foster youth and their caretakers.

SB 48 (2011): The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act

Schools to integrate facts about history of people with disabilities and LGBT people into social studies lessons and textbooks.

AB 1856 (2012): California Foster Youth LGBT Cultural Competency Act

Requires caretaker training on best practices for cultural competency with LGBT youth in out-of-home care.

SB 1172 (2012): Sexual Orientation Change Efforts

Prohibits a mental health provider from sexual orientation change efforts with LGBT youth under 18.

AB 1266 (2014): Student Success and Opportunity Act

Requires schools to allow participation in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, and use facilities consistent with his or her gender identity.

AB 329 (2015): CA Healthy Youth Act

Requires sex education curricula to be inclusive of sexual health issues relative to LGBT students

SB 731 (2015): Supporting Transgender Foster Youth

Foster youth have the right to be placed according to their gender identity, regardless of the sex listed in their court or child welfare records.