

California Laws Related to Gender Identity

There has been quite a stir recently because the Governor of California approved AB1955. Let me explain this in a bit more detail. California has signed many laws under the Democratic Party to protect sexual minorities.

To mention a few, AB975 is a law that went into effect over 2023-2024. It requires parents to recognize their children's claimed gender identity for their health, safety, and welfare. If parents do not recognize it, it can be considered a form of child abuse, and as a result, parents could lose custody. Especially for divorced parents not living together, they are allowed to see their children only if they recognize their children's claimed gender identity.

SB960 is a law that went into effect in 2023, requiring all schools from kindergarten to high school to have at least one gender-neutral restroom, not just male and female restrooms. The intention is to allow transgender and non-binary students to use restrooms without feeling psychological pressure.

The recently approved law, AB1955, states that schools and teachers do not have to inform parents about a student's gender identity if the student does not want them to. The idea is that gender identity is entirely the student's decision, and schools should not forcibly inform parents. This implies that individual decisions are more important than parental decisions.

This law includes several unacceptable aspects. First, it deprives parents of their rights regarding their children. Parents naturally have the right to know about and guide their children, but this law tells schools to disregard parents. Second, it disrupts the traditional cooperative relationship between parents and teachers in educating children, creating a relationship of deception. It effectively encourages schools and teachers to support and assist children in deceiving their parents.

Third, the law includes a passing remark that caught my eye: schools should focus solely on creating a safe environment for students to study and teach academics, without influencing any personal decisions.

I recall when American education was considered superior to other countries' education, and their scholars admired the American system. They noted that while their system focused on getting students into prestigious universities, the American system aimed to

produce good citizens. It aimed to develop individuals who, even if not all went to top universities, would contribute to society with a healthy mindset and their abilities. However, this law seems to abandon all of that educational philosophy.

Elon Musk, Chairman of Tesla, announced that he would move SpaceX's headquarters to Texas, following Tesla, as this law clearly endangers the future of employees' families. This is a welcome decision. Initially, efforts to protect sexual minorities have gone beyond protection, granting their rights indefinitely, which has now turned into the violence of the minority. It feels like those who need protection are no longer them, but us.