

#B. 005

#CHILD MARRIAGE PREVENTION ACT OF 2021

IN THE ASSEMBLY

Mr. /u/RMSteve (for himself, /u/lily-irl) introduced the following legislation.

#A BILL

To amend chapter 2 of the Family Code to prevent any person under eighteen years of age from getting married, regardless of consent or circumstances

Be it enacted by the Assembly of the State of Dixie,

SECTION I. SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITION

(1) This legislation shall be known as the “Child Marriage Prevention Act of 2021.”

(2) For the purposes of this Act, “minor” refers to any person below 18 years of age.

#SECTION II. ASSEMBLY FINDINGS

(1) The Assembly of the Great State of Dixie does find that:

> (a) Child marriage is an endemic issue across the country, [with over 200,000 minors being married between 2010 and 2015, 87% girls and 13% boys](<https://childusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Report-on-Child-Marriage-in-the-US.pdf>), according to Child USA.

#SECTION III. GETTING RID OF MARRIAGES FOR MINORS

(1) Section 2.003 of the Family Code shall be amended to read:

> “Sec. 2.003 MARRIAGE OF MINORS

>> “(a) A person under 18 years of age shall not be permitted to marry under any circumstance nor shall be issued a marriage license.

>> “(b) A person above 18 years of age shall not attempt to marry or register a person under 18 years of age for a marriage license.

>>> “(1) Any person above 18 years of age who attempts to marry a person under 18 years of age or register a person under 18 years of age for a marriage license shall be fined \$10,000 and imprisoned for one year.”

(2) Paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of section 2.009 of the Family Code shall be amended by:

> (a) striking subparagraph (A); and

> (b) striking subparagraph (B).

#SECTION IV. ENACTMENT

(1) This legislation shall come into effect immediately upon its successful passage.

(2) This legislation shall take precedence over all previous pieces of legislation that might contradict it.

(3) Should any part of this resolution be struck down due to being unconstitutional, the rest shall remain law.

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