

2022 SB 1834 CS/CS/HB 1557- [Parental Rights](#) This bill aims to crack down on graphic and sexually explicit Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) material in Florida public schools without parental permission. SUPPORT

Somehow the media proclaimed this the Anti-Gay bill... It is stating that parents have the right to know what their children are being taught. This bill is also, sadly, only for K-3. Notes: (more notes below the action alert)

If LGBT plus is so normal then why do so many people fear parents or friends knowing?

Our children are not wards of this state.

I do not want to co-parent with the government.

What the left did to this bill: False Narrative, Misconception, Media dismantled,

[Link to Florida Catholic Conference of Bishops choosing Renewable Energy over Parental Rights as a priority bill](#)

[Disney's Apology for not opposing this bill](#)

This bill made national news as the Anti-Gay Bill.

- [Biden's Take on the bill](#)
- [Great example of what is happening in our school. A mother's article](#)
- [Other examples of books in our libraries and media centers](#)
- [Polk County Schools Removes Books from Libraries for Review After Group Complains About Them](#)
- Heritage Foundation [Myth vs. Facts](#)
- [Diversity Training at VMI](#) college level
- [Heritage Article](#)- school choice and protecting parental rights

Best quote: Representative Fine sums up what has happened to this bill to protect parent's rights... Today is the day we are debating a bill that don't exist

3/25/22 (response to the Florida Education Association)

This is what I posted on this thread <https://twitter.com/FloridaEA/status/1505897178044194822>

It is unfortunate that your group's reading comprehension is below the 3rd grade level. HB 1557, Parental Rights, is making what should be common sense a law. Children are not wards of the state when they enter a public school. Stop the misinformation.

3/25/22 The misinformation continues...

The Floirda Education Association sent out a press release yesterday to comment on the passage of the "Erase History" and "Don't Say Gay" bills by the Florida House which I am attaching here. The bills are still under consideration by the Senate, numbered SB 1834 and SB 148. Here's an excerpt from yesterday's release:

"Educators love their students. We all want to make sure that every child can grow and thrive, regardless of race, background, ZIP code or ability," said Florida Education Association President Andrew Spar. "These bills mean some of our students will no longer feel safe and secure, or even seen, based on who they are. Both bills promote discrimination and censorship, and send the clearly un-American message to students that individuality is not valued, that everyone must conform to a single point of views."

Please reach out to your Florida Senator to let your feelings be known regarding these bills: [FEA's website helps you to find your state senator and email them easily](#). If the Senate does not approve SB 1834 and SB 148, these cannot become law. We must do everything in our power to support the safety of ALL of our students.

3/7/22 Senate Special Order Calendar

2/28/22 Passed Senate Appropriations 12:8;

2/24/22 Passed House 69:47 - Several Republicans voted against this bill

3/7/22 Senate Debate: 10:10 minutes, bill HB 1557 begins at 4:27

DEM FARMER: Teaching just heterosexual marriage is archaic, LGBT people are normal people; treating as though they should be banned or not discussed.. especially the children with two moms or two dads, especially those of you with LGBT families... what message this sends them who are gay... support this amendment and remove statement, nothing is wrong with you, the world is changing,

DEM HF CRUZ: must provide a safe and supportive environment.. not just say our schools are supportive we know not all students feel safe and supportive, may clear what school district must focus on, as a parent of a LGBT daughter must know that my daughter feels safe. According to Williams Institute 200,000 being raised by same sex parents,

DEM WF POLOSky... if the majority feel so uncomfortable about the public school... They have home school options. Based on media attention no one understands this bill. Gov't. spokesperson called it a grooming bill .. for muistation. We don't need this at all but nothing defines the terms... just trying to get at the truth of what is going on here. Teachers need the opportunity to talk about it to avoid bullying... people need to learn tolerance when they are young... need to support inclusive tolerance to teach them to be good adults. We need to trust our teachers to do the right thing.

Teach families of today instead of families of yesterday.

think of what they are doing... being nice to each other, drawing pictures of their house, we need an amendment to allow these discussions... this bill is purposely vague... we want to define it for teachers.. tying their hands for instruction,

DEM BM Jones- Amendment

REP. WM BAXLEY- this bill means all students not just one group. Bill refers to sunshine state standards... This bill is about conceptual things for children K-3... This is exactly why this bill has been amended from discussion to instruction to help the teachers.

REP. HM Diaz Maturity level of a student is not ready to have this conversation... This bill doesn't impact a discussion, just instruction. concern is that this is not age appropriate.

Stargel.. if you are going to have this discussion you are going to include the parents ... amending this bill is not intended to hurt students or out gay children but strengthen the family unit, this bill is saying we are making the parents part of this conversation... the assumption you are making is that all parents would kick out their children yest some might but the majority would not and would love them the same

Burgess... this amendment is not necessary "no discussion of sexual orientation" it is all of the above... so what we are seeking is already said. we are talking about curriculum ... my kids still think a stork is real... mommy they are saying a bad work... hate... he thinks hate is a bad word (my 8 year old)

BF DEM Gibson.. What teacher walks into a classroom and pulls out instructional at any level is why this bill is necessary.

REP HM Rodriguez IEP or 504 accommodations..... meetings are scheduled with providers of services, teachers and parents... and perhaps the child but it is not in anyway impacting the classroom instruction...will not be impacted by this bill

3/6/22 ACTION ALERT

Sample letter (emails below)

Dear Senator,

It is imperative that parental rights are protected. Our children are not wards of the state nor do I want to co-parent with the government. It is highly distressing to find out schools are encouraging our children to lie to their parents. If children cannot be honest with their parents, who can they trust? To think schools can better parent children is absurd.

This bill is for students K-3rd grade, although it should be extended to all students in public schools. Why are you undermining parental rights and teaching our children they cannot trust their parents? Voting yes will help instill the much needed honesty in our society.

I would be remiss not to mention supporting CS/HB 7, Individual Freedom, the kind of racially divisive agenda promoted by CRT needs to be eradicated- the guardrails are in place here in this bill... if passed you will add to a long line of gold star policies coming out of this legislation.

3/1/22 [Protest at the Capitol](#) (I don't suppose any of them ended up in jail)

From Florida Family Action... this is what the bill is about... transparency & parental knowledge

"Members of one race, color, sex, or national origin are morally superior to members of another race, color, sex, or national origin.

1. An individual, by virtue of his or her race, color, sex, or national origin, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously.
2. An individual's moral character or status as either privileged or oppressed is necessarily determined by his or her race, color, sex, or national origin.
3. Members of one race, color, sex, or national origin cannot and should not attempt to treat others without respect to race, color, sex, or national origin.
4. An individual, by virtue of his or her race, color, sex, or national origin, bears responsibility for, or should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of, actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, color, sex, or national origin.
5. An individual, by virtue of his or her race, color, sex, or national origin, should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment to achieve diversity, equity, or inclusion.
6. An individual, by virtue of his or her race, color, sex, or national origin, bears personal responsibility for and must feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress because of actions, in which the individual played no part, committed in the past by other members of the same race, color, sex, or national origin.
7. Such virtues as merit, excellence, hard work, fairness, neutrality, objectivity, and racial colorblindness are racist or sexist, or were created by members of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin to oppress members of another race, color, sex, or national origin."

Response from Senator Brodner

SB 1834/HB1557, places the power to have those intimate conversations about sexuality back to the parents. It is imperative we provide the parent's the fundamental right to make decisions regarding the care and upbringing of their child. The interest of parents in the care, custody, and control of their children is perhaps the oldest of the recognized fundamental liberty interests protected by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth

Amendment to the United States Constitution. Additionally, the Florida Supreme Court has likewise recognized that parents have a fundamental liberty interest in determining the care and upbringing of their children

The restriction of non-age-appropriate curriculum is only applied to grades kindergarten through third. I understand there have been many concerns with the bill's intentions, however, I assure you there is much misinformation circulating on the bill language here, which does not restrict the opportunity for a teacher or student to discuss other topics amongst themselves, so long as it is age appropriate.

Action Alert from Florida Citizens Alliance

HB 1557 is good policy—here's why it's the right thing to pass: - Children as young as five SHOULD NOT be sexualized and taught radical gender ideology by the school curriculum. - Keeping mature themes like gender ideology out of the curriculum from Kindergarten through third grade is common sense. - Parents can handle these complex issues with their children when they feel the time is right and in the appropriate manner. I urge you to support HB 1557 and make sure this bill receives a vote!

2/28/22 [Link to Video](#) Some Notes from Appropriation discuss

Sponsor of Bill Baxter: children are not a ward of the state,
Pizzo- what is the concern about topics of this that you can't become gay...

Book- what about family trees? Baxley- who is leading and point of leading.. caution to leave parents in charge of these discussions. Book- 2 kids in classroom and do family tree and know there are gay parents... what is discussion vs instruction... B: quite a wondering question... think it is clear going back to the state standards to see the limits... not confusing in my opinion... teachers teach skills Book: it is required to teach their place and their families this is instruction but when a child is presenting in the classroom.. big difference in instruction and discussion... should not be leading them in a discussion that is not allowed to follow the law... Book- what is the intent of this legislation... Book: in my opinion every minute of the day is instruction... if I know one student has two moms or dads is that not allowed to discuss even though we are required to teach this... The Dept of education needs to relook at education instructions... opening the door to not allow diversity... Baxley: how is leading diversity part of the sunshine standard. Book- child in school 504- have to address needs of the student and wants to be identified as different pronouns is that acceptable Baxley- bill doesn't address this. Baxley- bill to clarify that parents are in charge of their children...

Democrat BF Gibson: Why are we here today on this bill?

Baxley we are moving and have been moving in the direction that parents should be in charge.. there are more **social engineer** approaches being done in schools - we need to honor the parental rights. Even gay parents should be proud of this bill... rather than the children being socialized by the schools.

Democrat WF Stewart : does this extend to clubs? Baxley: this is about instructional education

Brandes: on sexual orientation may not occur in k-3rd grade... so what about heterosexual conversations... Baxley- No ... sunshine state standards... not addressed in this bill..

Black Male Democrat Brason- how does this deal with foster children? Baxley- they have authority as I was a foster parent. Brason What about those in an abuse environment? Baxley- get in touch with family services. Brason What do you mean by the term social engineering and what line deals with that? Baxley- what happens when you move from instruction to discussion.. this bring clarity to that.. Brason LINE 152... adopt policy to notify parents... why not a unify policy to notify parents... Baxley- I believe we are creating a law to bring clarity to this issues.. to support parents. Brason LINE 152 each school district .. why each and not the state.. shouldn't the dept of education create a policy. Baxley- this is a broad term bill.. schools can finetune. Brason: Analysis from Dept of Education anyone here to provide information...

DemBM Rouson- say no parental outcry... proactive bill... lesson plans moving in a different direction.. more fear stoking as opposed to helping parents. Baxley- visit some of the website and curriculum... sets up an atmosphere of needing parental rights protected.

Baxley: purpose to clarify authority between school and parents

Aaron Depedro: Full support.. nothing restricts students free speech solely instruction... parents need to be involved and need to be notified when changes are being made in their child's curriculum.

Littlejohn- plan without person's consent..6 page document completed with my daughter ..parental violations are happening all over our state, parents are being treated as enemies.

nutcase: vigilant element, will bankrupt our schools
utah legislator- vague in nature, take seriously

2/26/22

Dear Senator,

Every parent has the fundamental right as parent to be informed of everything their child is being taught in any school but particularly government funded schools.

Parents don't turn over their rights when their child enters the school door. This bill protects the parents' right to bring up their children based on the family's values, morals and ideals.

Encouraging children to keep secrets from their parents leads to dishonesty, mistrust and has led to many mental health issues children are now facing to include increased suicides.

Please protect the innate, loving parent-child relationship - support of this bill.

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2/24/22 House Floor [3rd reading and discussion](#) (begins 2:06 to 3:18 difficult to listen to because it was so upsetting ... I question leaving children in public schools after hearing this discussion.

DEM HM Smith- I always wear the rainbow tie on my lapel... Pulse nightclub... mostly LBGTmurdered by hate in my community... today I had a few people come up to me and saw it was upside.. I meant for it to be as a symbol of distress... this bill is another attack on our community... because it prohibits classroom instruction on gender identity.. goes way beyond the text on the page...

Per NBC news: <https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/what-really-happened-night-pulse-n882571>

But during the [trial of Omar Mateen's widow](#), Noor Salman, all forensic evidence suggested that up until the moment he turned into the Pulse parking lot, Mateen had been considering other venues, rejecting them because they were more heavily guarded. In their closing statement, government prosecutors admitted that there was no evidence to suggest that Mateen knew that Pulse was a gay club.

2/22/22 House Floor [discussion starts at 2:52- 4:55](#)

Floor discussions just a sample of above discussion in videos. Rep. Grall and Fine did an excellent job summarizing what this bill is about... you will appreciate their comments even more if you listen to the Democrats propaganda and outright lies.

Summary 2/24/22

Dem. Female- Pressure for teachers to talk to parents about children who talk about... we weren't always comfortable to talk to our parents. We needed a safe trusted adult. Each student needs a trusted adult to keep the school environment safe.

DEMOCRAT FH Eskimon: what this bill isn't Not about parents rights, not about sexual health education and not about helping kids focus on academics.. is instead homophobic, transphobic, feeds into the lie that kids do become trans due to inclusive, that LGBTQ plus is dangerous and perverted. Cognitive dissonance in this bill dangerous that if students are gay they better not say anything or you will be outed.

REP GRALL: We are standing up for families: Wasn't parental rights not working... I have been involved with this issue ... what are we doing with bills like this... we are standing up for families... the transgender gender nonconforming student support plan... in plan schools are affirmatively excluding the parents... making life changing decisions for children without informing the parent, actively keeping the information from the parent, exempting forms from FERPA, we know that it is happening because when children are taking their lives... I stand for families ... all of this debate that parents are dangerous and harmful, I do not accept that premise, that we don't love our children and have their best interest in mind.. not the school, parents should be in the middle of these conversations, not people who are not invested the way a parent is. This bill you must include the parents in this decision. Our schools are systematically interfering with the parent child relationship, what if it were about changing a person's religion??? This is not about having conversations, not about understanding who we are and our differences it is about a systematic effort to create plans to change a decision a child would make, what about if it were about changing from dem to rep... What effects the mental health of each of us... leading a double life would effect anyone's mental health, keeping a secret from those who love us this bill is saying schools cannot sanction the child living a double life not is that the detriment of the parents but the child... please support this bill.

REP. Fine- Today is the day we are debating bills that don't exist...the paragraph classroom instruction by school personal or sexual orientation... may not occur in K-3. I try to look at this bill through the lens of my 10 yr old son, his guinea pig died last night, he is crying.. those are the things on the mind of 10 year olds are concerned about, If we didn't like gay we would say you can't do it at all, to look for an analogy, when it is appropriate to teach about the Holocaust, they believe 5th grade and below don't come... kid friendly section 4th grade. They obviously want Holocaust education instruction. **This is a fundamental debate.. should children be protected from parents or should parents be protected from school districts and bureaucrats govt. do ... what should the govt be able to hide from their parents.. some of you believe and have stated that schools must to protect children from their parents.. I believe it is our role to protect families from the govt. It is a good bill and it stands up for parents.**

Sponsor Harding: We have seen a lot of passion in all the discussions. I am always going to see the good and hope. While we disagree a lot we agree that we all care a lot about our kids what we disagree on it what is the role of the parent and the role of the school what do the words on the page do... creating boundaries as to what is appropriate in our schools is helping teaching know what we expect, a parent being blocked out is OK ... I block that idea... need to be fair to parents to insert them as a parent... a more empowered parents is a better parent. I met with teachers for both sides... empowered parent is good, leads to better quality for that students, idea that school policies disengages the parents... outside the world of social media are real people. Empower parents or school districts that is your choice.

DEM MH Smith - issues about gender and identity parents should be talking about... why is it that the school cannot have these conversations in addition to the parent why only the parent...

SPONSOR Harding- critical ... school must work with the parent.

DEM MH Smith - is there a conflict here... provisions because many parents have conversations are substantially different or in conflict with our schools' conversations. Harding- believe parents should be involved in critical decisions... schools' priority should be involving the parent.

DEMOCRAT- Gottle: Line 83-87 – or in a manner not age appropriate. does that mean this bill effects grades greater than 4th grade... you line that you are pulling reassuring state standards are age appropriate? What is the definition of developmentally appropriate...? Harding... within current state stands sex education begins in 4th grade... Gottle; what I am asking is the exact definition of developmentally appropriate...

SPONSOR Harding: stakeholders determine.. as that state standard evolve and exist and the stakeholders determine. Gottle: if standards not developed who are the stakeholders... Harding- there are within the dept of education councilors, teachers...

DEMOCRAT M Jenne: Development of standards in DOE require to partner with LGBTQ community on these standard boards... Harding: I can't speak to each person is someone is within that realm. Nothing in the bill that states who has to be on the bill.

DEMOCRAT Rainer 83-85 instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity may not occur in K-3.. which is it may not and age appropriate? Or means something different than and... Harding: bill text says K-3 or in a manner not appropriate. Rainer- Class instruction: My question. example teaching walking by hears a student walk by hears a student come out to a friend, what is the route the teacher has to take... even if overheard. Harding: no where in the bill does this mean a teacher has to address this. Rainer: gay married. Picture of wife on desk... Harding- no where in bill not allowed to talk about Raner: what about teaching of Pulse night club, ... other events, Harding- not limit.

DEM: Most school districts have to sign-up for sex education.. why is this needed. Harding... underlying parent engagement is a must, some schools have not informed parents and have been pushed away.

DEM- Eskimono- Gov't say gay bill... **Harding- fundamental belief parents involvement is the best for the child**, Eskimono: any leading pediatricians support this bill? Harding- fundamental parental right. Eskimono- do parents get to choose if their child is gay? Speaker of the House : not in scope of bill.

Critical decisions need to involve the parents... nothing in the bill would exclude

Smith: This bill has created so much confusion and anxiety in our schools.. LGBT need the right to a safe education in our schools.

Arrington: School should be a safe place because not all our homes are... we are forcing kids back into the closet and keeping them from being themselves. **Hurts not only LGBT but denies all kids from a well-rounded education. We are limiting our education we are hurting Florida's future and contributing to an ignorant future generation.**

2/17/22 In House Judicial Committee- [Link to committee with emails, phone numbers, social media](#)

2/16/22 Action Alert - **video** <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/VideoPlayer.aspx?eventID=7936>

Dear Representative,

Please vote yes on HB 1557. We must protect the rights of parents. It is important that parents are involved in every aspect of human sexuality discussions with their children.

It is natural for a child to feel uncomfortable as their body begins to develop, however encouraging and suggesting homosexuality and gender identity are the reason for these feelings is not only wrong but highly unacceptable.

If school districts stayed focused on the basics of mathematics, reading and writing, the literacy and graduation rates might have a chance to be improving. However, the current path of indoctrinating our children with social experimentation is creating an atmosphere of confusion throughout our school systems and not allowing students to focus on the reason they attend school which is academics.

Thank you.

Extremely Concerned Florida Voter,

Great talking points- John Stemberger's interview:

Schools should focus on academics, while academics are flailing schools are trying to engage in social experimentation...making classrooms a playground for social experimentation... mixed up priorities for this administration, parents rights must be respected, we have laws if parents are abusive, that is not what we are talking about, the vast majority will help their child, here the schools are guiding children to change their sex without talking to parents, what we have now is recruiting for these abnormal groups. Look what happened in Loudoun county. What are prospects of this bill... working on details getting best lawyers in country. gov is very serious about the mob not protecting our children. Need to hear from you after Biden weighed in on this bill. What the schools are doing is **indoctrinating with sexual confusion**. Parents are not just complaining... pray, prepare, take a stand.

FFAC:

Bill sponsor Sen. Dennis Baxley defended the rights of parents to be involved in their children's educational progress as well as the need for school districts to be transparent with parents when official policy changes. Baxley also discussed the importance of parents being involved in overseeing discussions of sexuality with elementary students and keeping school district policy focused on academics.

Public testimony in this committee was quite combative as opponents made the absurd claim that the bill would result in the deaths of LGBT-identifying youth across the state. People in favor of the bill argued that parental rights were fundamental and must be respected by the state, regardless of the political opinions of school district officials. Legislative Director Aaron DiPietro spoke about the critical nature of parental involvement in a child's educational success and emphasized the bill's focus on protecting "children by empowering parents to be engaged in their children's lives and education by increasing transparency in official school district policy." Though tensions were high, decorum was maintained until after the bill was passed. As the committee adjourned, opponents from the audience began to shout, "Shame on you," and "Blood is on your hands!" Insults and attacks were even hurled at one mother who testified in support the bill, leading her to be escorted out the back of the committee room for safety precautions.

President Joe Biden Tuesday called this bill "a hateful bill" towards the LGBTQI+ community, and opposition nationwide has dubbed it the "Don't Say Gay" bill. [Watch me defend this bill on Washington Watch with Tony Perkins here at this link](#) or on [NTD News \(The Epoch Times\) at this link](#).

Later that evening, the Individual Freedom Act, the bill restricting CRT in public schools, among other places, was heard in the Education and Employment committee, presented once again by Rep. Bryan Avila, the bill sponsor. Opponents from both the public and the committee continued to accuse the sponsor of seeking to revise history, while Rep. Avila and Rep. Randy Fine, among others, passionately argued the opposite, that in fact, the bill was seeking to ensure true history was taught, apart from political bias. Legislative Director Aaron DiPietro spoke out in favor of the bill, once again urging the distinction between teaching historical facts and political philosophies of ideological interpretation. Despite heated debate from the opposition over a two hour

period, the bill passed out of the committee.

2/12/22 Action Alert:

Senator,

Please schedule SB 1834 on the Appropriations Agenda. We must protect the rights of parents. It is important that parents are involved in every aspect of human sexuality discussions with their children.

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Thank you.

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2/11/22- Really heated up this week. WE MUST SPEAK UP.

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2/6/22 Sample Letter:

The lack of transparency in our schools is inexcusable and has created an atmosphere of confusion, misunderstanding and sense of embarrassment with respect to the developing body and emotions.

It is natural for a child to feel uncomfortable as their body begins to develop, however encouraging and suggesting homosexuality and gender identity are the reason for these feelings is not only wrong but unacceptable. Parents must be notified of everything their child is being taught or exposed to in public and private schools. The current policies are responsible for the increase in mental health issues, bullying and suicide in so many of our students.

Written permission to allow children to participate in any sex education discussions or classes is imperative to maintain an open line of discussion between children and their parents. This will provide children the healthy relationship they need with their parents on the road to becoming self-confident adults.

2/6/22 Sent out action alert. (see 2/6/22 Action Alert)

1/30/22 [Action Alert from Florida Citizens Alliance requesting to have bill heard in the Senate](#)