



End discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

Oppose legislation banning transgender and gender non-conforming children from participation in school activities

SB 208 is an egregious attack on student privacy

- SB 208 would allow any person to demand a genital inspection of children participating in school sports.
- The cost of mandatory student genital inspections would be borne by the student and their family.

This bill, and others like it, are driven by animus towards the LGBT community, especially LGBT children.

- Since 2016, the Kansas Legislature has introduced 10 measures attacking transgender children.
- Four bills would have rewarded bounties of \$2500 or potentially higher amounts, to anyone witnessing a gender non-conforming student using a school restroom.
- Two bills would make it a felony to provide health care to a transgender or gender non-conforming child, while misstating and exaggerating the types of treatment currently provided to transgender children.
- On Sine Die 2016, instead of wrapping up the legislative session and going home, the Senate instead chose to introduce, debate, and pass a resolution condemning transgender children.

This bill will harm student safety in our public schools

- These bills identify and isolate transgender and gender non-conforming kids, exposing them to discriminatory treatment by school staff and fellow students.
- Discriminatory rhetoric towards transgender youth will increase violence among students.
- Kansas has spent the past 15 years working to eliminate bullying in public schools. Passage of bills like SB 208 will roll back that progress and make it “okay” to bully children because of their gender identity or expression.

SB 208’s proponents make false and misleading claims

- There has been no incident in Kansas of a cis-gendered child being disadvantaged, in any way, by a transgender child participating in a sporting event.
- Transgender children do not pose a competitive threat to their cis-gender peers.
- Children do not “choose” to be transgender, and they do not express a non-conforming gender identity merely to compete on one sports team or another.

Proponents of anti-LGBT legislation push an outdated, simplistic view of biology to justify their position

- Backers of SB 208 insist gender comes in exactly two forms: “biological male” and “biological female.” Science clearly demonstrates gender, gender identity, and gender expression are influenced by a number of often contradictory physiological characteristics. These variations are pushed aside by the proponents’ desire to enact discriminatory, harmful legislation.