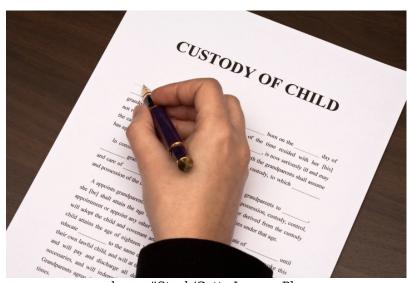




Parents Nationwide Threatened by California's Gendertransition Sanctuary Law

California is fast becoming America's Sodom and Gomorrah, with the recent passage of the gender-affirming health care bill (S.B. 107) by their Democrat-controlled state government. The bill was given the ambiguous title of "gender-affirming health care," though it should have been called "gender-altering treatments." It gives the power to state courts to take "temporary emergency jurisdiction" of children from any state, if they come to California for transgender drugs, surgery, or mental healthcare.

Once California Governor Gavin Newsom signs the bill into law, state courts can strip away custody from parents who have legitimate concerns about a young child undergoing irreversible medical procedures to appear as a different sex. California will then become a "Transgender Sanctuary" state that prohibits medical workers from responding to any subpoena from another state for medical records regarding any "gender-affirming" care.



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The pro-family groups <u>California Family Council</u> and <u>Pacific Justice Institute</u> testified against the legislation. Chloe Cole, a 17-year-old girl who was born female but identified as male before changing course and returning to her biological sex, testified in a hearing before the bill's passage. "I was unknowingly, physically cutting off my true self from my body, irreversibly and painfully," she <u>told</u> the committee.

CBN News reported:

SB 107 was introduced by state Sen. Scott Wiener (D-District 11) to fight against what he called "brutal attacks on transgender children" in states that have banned minors from receiving sterilizing puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex-change surgeries. Some states have labeled these irreversible treatments as child abuse when they're performed on children who are too young to fully comprehend what they're doing....

"This bill declares war on parents throughout the country who don't want their children sterilized because of their gender dysphoria, a condition that resolves itself in most cases after a child reaches adulthood," said Greg Burt, director of Capitol Engagement with the California Family Council. "Senator Wiener thinks he is making the state a safe haven for







kids, but if [this bill is] passed, he will turn California into a threat to every family in the country."

California's legislators have stepped over the line of decency and respect for parental rights with S.B. 107. The law would entice children nationwide to leave their families and run away to California seeking gender-hormone therapy and gender-altering surgeries that will be freely available to anyone who asks, regardless of age, mental health, or legal capacity. Parents who oppose the coercive corruption of their children's mind and body will likely have to challenge California courts and child protective services to defend their children's lives.

S.B. 107 in effect will encourage kidnapping. Noncustodial parents who want to allow their child to undergo these procedures can flee with the child to California, snatching custody from the lawful custodial parent who opposes such "treatment," even if doing so violates that state's custody laws. California's law is an unprecedented assault on parental rights and an attempt by the state to control the children in all of America.

The law would go against the U.S. Constitution's "full faith and credit" <u>clause</u> found in Article IV, Section 1, which requires that all states' decisions, public records, and rulings be honored in all the other U.S. states.

To date, four states have passed, and fifteen others are considering, <u>legislation</u> to protect minor children and their families from the harms created by puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and lifealtering surgeries used in an effort to medically transition a child.

The California lawmakers must be suffering from some form of dystopian legal myopia, as they are approving these sex-altering treatments for children of any age while their state has strict age limits allowing only those 16 and older to drive, and those 21 and over to drink alcohol. They're also going against empirical <u>research</u> and data from the American College of Pediatricians <u>concluding</u> that 80 to 95 percent of children who experience gender confusion will ultimately embrace their biological sex.

Gov. Newsom's pen stroke on S.B. 107 will be nothing more than political abuse of science on the issue of gender dysphoria in children and adolescents. Doctors who prescribe puberty blockers or perform sex-altering surgery will leave their patients to grapple with permanent physical consequences including reduced bone density, infertility, and other sexual health issues. A recent Heritage Foundation article also suggested that "easing access to cross-sex treatments without parental consent significantly increases suicide rates."

Leftist lawmakers are creating an American Sodom and Gomorrah every bit as wicked as the biblical towns. This gender-affirming health care bill can be defined as pure evil, brought forth to destroy families and children while boldly attacking parental rights and the Constitution.





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