

# 9 LAWS TO KNOW

## Protecting LGBTQ Youth in California

**AB 537** (2000):  
**California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act**

Prohibits discrimination/harassment on basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

**AB 458** (2004):  
**California Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act**

Prohibits discrimination/harassment of LGBTQ foster youth and their caretakers.

**SB 48** (2011):  
**The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act**

Directs schools to integrate facts about history of Pacific Islanders, people with disabilities, and LGBT people into social studies instruction.

**AB 1856** (2012):  
**California Foster Youth LGBT Cultural Competency Act**

Requires caretaker training on cultural competency with LGBT youth in out-of-home care.

**SB 1172** (2012):  
**Sexual Orientation Change Efforts**

Prohibits a licensed mental health provider from sexual orientation change efforts with LGBT youth under 18.

**AB 1266** (2014):  
**Student Success and Opportunity Act**

Requires schools to allow participation in sex-segregated school programs and activities, athletic teams and competitions, and use of facilities consistent with gender identity.

**AB 329** (2015):  
**CA Healthy Youth Act**

Requires sex education curricula to be inclusive of sexual health relative to LGBT students.

**SB 731** (2015):  
**Supporting Transgender Foster Youth**

Foster youth have the right to be placed according to their gender identity, regardless of their sex assigned at birth.

**AB 2119** (2018):  
**Gender Health in Foster Care**

Child welfare agencies must ensure access to clinicians who provide gender-affirming treatment consistent with established standards of care.

### RESOURCES

**Equality California**  
[eqca.org](http://eqca.org)

**Lambda Legal**  
[lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)

**Latino Equality Alliance**  
[latinoequalityalliance.com](http://latinoequalityalliance.com)

**Movement Advancement Project**  
[lgbtmap.org](http://lgbtmap.org)

**National Center for Lesbian Rights**  
[nclrights.org](http://nclrights.org)

**Transgender Law Center**  
[transgenderlawcenter.org](http://transgenderlawcenter.org)

**The Williams Institute**  
[williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu](http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu)

**LA County LGBT Child Abuse Prevention Council**

[preventlgbtchildabuse.org](http://preventlgbtchildabuse.org)