

Texas Legislative Update May 19, 2021

Special Alert

This will be the LAST CHANCE in the 87th Texas Legislative Session to save children from puberty blocking drugs, chemical castration, and mutilating surgery that leaves young people sterile, among numerous other physical and psychological problems.

We know there is a spiritual battle being waged against our children, and we must stand in the gap for them speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves.

The 87th Texas Legislative Session ends May 31st but we are in the final days of whether a bill can make it to the finish line. In previous Sentinel publications we have talked about the issue of gender reassignment procedures on children and how Texas must end this barbaric practice for children under the age of 18, which has become an expanding problem with young people being indoctrinated with trans-ideologies in education, entertainment and other forums.

One of the bills we have been championing is **HB 1399**, which would end this practice in Texas. It has been stalled in the House Calendars Committee and not yet heard by the House Chamber to receive a vote.

However, SB 1311 (capitol.texas.gov) which is a companion bill to HB 1399, recently passed the Senate and this bill would prohibit professional liability insurance policies from covering damages assessed against a health care provider that provided these services and revoke the license, certification, or authorization of a physician or health care provider for gender transitioning or gender reassignment medical procedures on Texas children. It is in the House waiting to be assigned to a committee which will most likely be the Public Health Committee chaired by Rep. Stephanie Klick.

Rep. Klick is expected to expedite the bill and get it to the House Calendars Committee. One of the House Calendars representatives (we recommend contacting Reps Slawson, Patterson, Craddick, Jetton, Leman, or Harris – see below) then needs to immediately make a motion for SB 1311 to be placed on the Major House Calendar, NOT the regular calendar. This calendar takes precedence over the regular calendar, so this is the only way it has a chance to be voted on the floor by next Tuesday's midnight deadline.

Chairman Burrows has the ability to put this bill on the Major Calendar. We trust they will not let this bill die in committee before the end of session.

PLEASE call Governor Abbott and Speaker Dade Phelan who also have the power to make this a priority bill for Texas children, Chairman of the House Public Health Committee Rep. Stephanie Klick, Chairman Burrows and members of the House Calendars Committee.

A sample of what you could say would be:

"Hi, my name is _____ and I am calling to ask that you protect Texas children from life-altering and dangerous procedures having to do with gender reassignment and immediately pass SB 1311, which I strongly support, while there is time. Please ensure that it will be on the MAJOR state calendar and receive House floor debate by May 24th. We are counting on you to be a hero for our children, and we are praying."

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