

HB 2580 -- SOCIAL TRANSITION OF MINORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Coleman

This bill prohibits public school staff members from encouraging minor students in their "social transition", defined as engaging in certain activities with the goal of helping a student become perceived as a member of the opposite biological sex.

A school staff member must notify the principal or the principal's designee within 24 hours of a minor student's request that the staff member assist with the student's social transition. The principal must notify the parents of the student within 72 hours of the initial request for assistance.

No staff member of any public school shall engage in any conduct that facilitates the social transition of any minor student, including any counseling that affirms the student's self-identification as a biological sex other than the student's actual biological sex. No staff member of any public school will initiate a conversation with, or deliver any presentation or lesson to, any minor student regarding gender transition, as defined in current law.

A school employee who discloses a violation of this bill by a school official is protected from any manner of retaliation as set forth in current law. If a school district discovers that a licensed educator has knowingly violated any provision of this bill, the school district must initiate proceedings seeking to terminate the employment of the staff member and to suspend or revoke the individual's teaching license, as specified in the bill.

The Attorney General may bring a civil action, including an action for injunctive relief, against a school district or school for any violation of this bill. Any parent of a minor student may bring a civil action, including an action for injunctive relief or for damages, against the school district or public school in which the minor student is enrolled for any violation of this bill. If the parent prevails, the court must award the parent court costs and reasonable attorney's fees and any other damages or remedy which in the judgment of the court is appropriate.

This bill is similar to SB 1085 (2026).