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I strongly oppose HB0161 that forbids local BOE to grant opt-out to parents on Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation course.

HB0161 is an awful bill! It prohibits parents from opting out of the Gender Identity course. The bill violates parental rights at all levels! What can be more egregious than depriving parents of their rights to protect their own children from the indoctrination of gender ideology!

President Trump already ordered in his Executive Order of Defending Women from Gender Ideology that the United States only recognizes two sexes, male and female (Sec. 2) and that all agencies shall remove and cease issuing statements, policies, regulations, forms and communications that promote gender ideology (Sec 3. (e)).

However, HB0161 forces parents and kids to take Gender Ideology courses. HB0161 strips local BOE of the authority to grant opt-out to parents on Gender Ideology courses. This bill blatantly violates President Trump's EO!

I just want to call your awareness that your defiance against the Federal law may eventually impose costly and punitive consequences upon the State finance and funding. **Gender Ideology must be STOPPED!**

<https://twitchy.com/amy-curtis/2025/01/26/trump-teachers-who-suggest-kids-are-trans-will-face-consequences-n2407342>

Trump: "Any teacher or official that suggests to a child that they were trapped in the wrong body they will face severe consequences, civil rights violations for sex discrimination and elimination of federal funding "

I urge you to vote unfavorable to HB0161.

Sincerely,

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