

Opposition to Obama Administration's Transgender Mandate Growing

More than a third of the U.S. states are now suing the Obama Administration over its transgender mandate to public schools.

Last month, 10 more states joined the fight: Nebraska, Arkansas, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wyoming. They join North Carolina, Texas, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Arizona, Maine, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Utah and Georgia, which filed suit in May immediately after the U.S. departments of Justice and Education issued the mandate.

Additionally, the Alliance Defending Freedom has filed lawsuits on behalf of parental groups in Illinois and North Carolina, as well as a public school district in Ohio. ADF attorney Kellie Fiedorek said the suits were brought forward to fight the Obama Administration's efforts to "unilaterally redefine federal law to serve its own political ends and lawlessly impose its will on local schools."

"[These] states have now filed suit to stop this overreach, designed to force students to shower and undress in the same locker rooms and to share rooms on overnight trips with students of the opposite sex—something they shouldn't ever be forced to do," she added. "The administration has exceeded its authority in threatening schools that choose to protect children's privacy. Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson and the growing number of states across the country who joined him in this lawsuit are to be commended for exercising common sense and defending the privacy and safety of children."