

AFA Supports Florida Bill That Says Parents, Not Schools, Say When Kids Learn About Sex

The American Family Association () supports recent legislation introduced in Florida that makes it clear parents, not school districts, are in charge of when and how grade school students learn about sensitive topics that have always been the responsibility of families, not government entities. The measure covers younger students from kindergarten through middle school.

The proposed legislation reads in part: “A school district may not encourage classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students.”

The bill is predicated on the Parents’ Bill of Rights passed by the Florida legislature in 2021. AFA believes the new proposal is a key firewall against onerous government encroachment of parental duties and responsibilities in raising their children.

“Tyranny arises in free societies in many forms, and just because it arises slowly doesn’t make it any less dangerous,” said AFA Executive Vice President Ed Vitagliano. “Parents are currently facing just such a creeping authoritarianism in our nation, and sadly some of our school systems are the culprits.

“While it is clearly a minority of schools at this point, the danger is that, as the federal government tries to nationalize everything from health care to voting, the sickness of educational tyranny will spread,” Vitagliano added. “It is

encouraging to see a state like Florida recognize the truth that parents are in charge of their children—and schools must honor that truth. Perhaps that realization will truly take root in our nation.” {eoa}

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